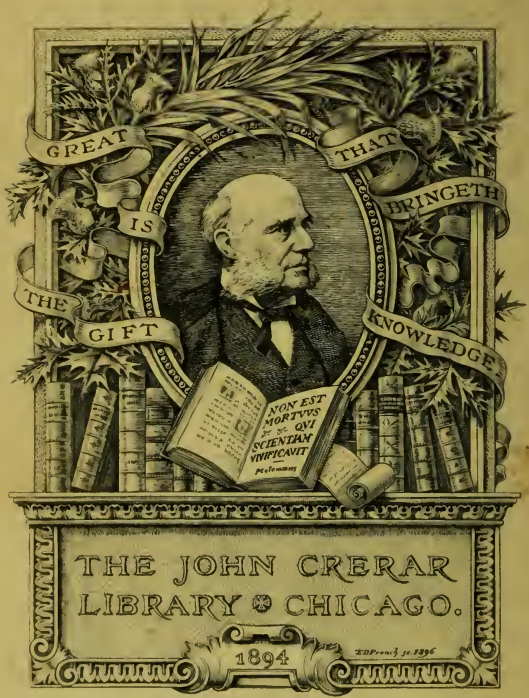

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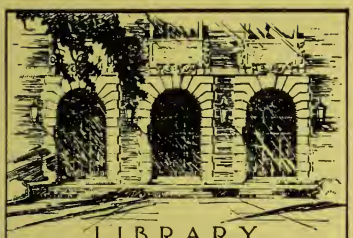

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Monday, January 6, 1862.

SECOND BRANCH.

This being the day designated by the twentieth section of the fourth article of the Maryland Code of Public Local Laws for the annual meeting of the City Council of Baltimore, the members of the Second Branch assembled in their chamber at three o'clock, P. M.

Present—William Dean, Jesse Marden, James B. George, Sr., John W. Willson, Francis W. Alricks, Decatur H. Miller, Joseph Robb, William Swindell, and Asa Higgins, Esqs.

Absent—Charles J. Baker, Esq., President.

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On motion of Mr. George, FRANCIS W. ALRICKS, Esq., was appointed President *pro. tem.*

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 6, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have organized the First Branch of the City Council, by the election of John Lee Chapman, Esq., President; Andrew J. Bandel, Chief Clerk; George W. Brooks, Assistant Clerk, and James Maddux, Doorkeeper.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Miller moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing with their concurrence, that the hour of five o'clock, P. M., be fixed for the daily meeeting of the City Council during the present session, which was determined in the affirmative.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to repeal the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance for the preservation of the peace of the city of Baltimore,' approved April 29th, 1861," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 6, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition that the daily meeting of the Council shall hereafter take place at 5 o'clock, P. M.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 7, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

A communication was received from S. Sands Mills, Esq., chairman of the committee on Lectures of the Maryland Institute, inviting the members of the Branch to attend the course of lectures of that Institution during the present season.

Mr. Robb moved that the invitation be accepted, with the thanks of the Branch, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 7, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a joint select committee to wait upon the Mayor, informing him that the Council have organized and are now ready to receive any communication which he may have to make, and name on the part of this Branch, Messrs. Duer, Mules and Young. By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Dean, Alricks, and Robb as the committee on the part of this Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 7, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have appointed the following Joint Standing and Joint Special Committees:

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES:

Ways and Means—Messrs. Dukehart, Norris and Sauerwein.
City Property—Messrs. Norris, Hoopes and Lamden.
Commerce—Messrs. Crowley, Sauerwein and Kimberly.
Water—Messrs. Duer, Cromer and Dukehart.
Highways—Messrs. Mules, Evans and Duer.

Education—Messrs. Streeter, Schwartze and Crowley.
Internal Improvements—Messrs. Sauerwein, Cromer and Young.
Claims—Messrs. Hoopes, Streeter and Sullivan.
Harbor—Messrs. Sullivan, Lamden and Burke.
Police and Jail—Messrs. Kimberly, Burke and Williams.
Health—Messrs. Schwartze, Norris and Kirkwood.
Fire Department—Messrs. Young, Dukehart and Barron.
Alms House—Messrs. Evans, Lamden and Mules.
Bridges—Messrs. Williams, Kirkwood and Duer.
Markets—Messrs. Kirkwood, Barron and Mules.
McDonough Bequest—Messrs. Cromer, Sullivan and Hoopes.
House of Refuge—Messrs. Barron, Streeter and Schwartze.
Enrollment—Messrs. Burke and Williams.

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES.

Register's Office Accts.—Messrs. Sauerwein, Norris and Kimberly.

Comptroller's do.—Messrs. Kimberly, Crowley & Cromer.

Commissioners of Finance Accts.—Messrs. Duer, Evans and Mules.

City Commissioners & Port Warden's Accts.—Messrs. Lamden, Williams and Sullivan.

Commissioners of Public Schools Accts.—Messrs. Streeter, Crowley and Young.

Health Commisssoner's Accts.—Messrs. Schwartze, Barron and Evans.

Commissioners of Fire Department's Accts.—Messrs. Young, Kirkwood and Hoopes.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean, from the joint special committee, appointed to wait on the Mayor, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that his Honor would send a communication to the Council in a few minutes.

The following communication from the Mayor was received from the First Branch :

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

Baltimore, January 7th, 1862.

To the Honorable the Members of the First and
Second Branches of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN:—

A strict observance of the law prevented the reception of the annual message from my predecessor. This position being novel in its character presents unexpected difficulties as to time, and must impress upon your minds the necessity of a claim for the largest indulgence that can be granted.

In the meantime I shall proceed with all due diligence to prepare and lay before you a detailed statement of the affairs of the city.

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN LEE CHAPMAN, *Ex-officio Mayor.*

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, January 8, 1862.

SECOND BRANCH.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Robb offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a Joint Special Committee on the City Passenger Railway Association, to whom all matters relating to it may be referred.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A resolution authorizing the Comptroller to procure a National flag of sufficient dimensions to answer for the Hall in which the Council meets, and to take measures to have it raised every day the Council is in session, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to repeal the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance for the preservation of the peace of the city of Baltimore,' approved April 29th, 1861," which was read and passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Swindell:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, George, Wilson, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell, Higgins.—10.

Nays—None.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution, which was read:

Whereas, Charles J. Baker, while acting as Mayor of the city of Baltimore, prepared a message to be delivered to the City Council of Baltimore, which message was not presented in consequence of the separate action of the First Branch of the City Council; and whereas, the members of the Second Branch deem this message to be a paper which should be placed on record here for future reference and consideration;—therefore, be it

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council, that Charles J. Baker be requested to furnish to this Branch the official message which he prepared, as aforesaid, so that the same may be of record on the Journal of this Branch for consideration and future reference.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and unanimously adopted.

The President thanked the members of the Branch for the manifestation of their approbation of his conduct, as expressed in the foregoing resolution, and stated that he would cheerfully accede to their request.

The following communication was received from the President, and one hundred copies in pamphlet form ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the Branch:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Baltimore, January 6th, 1862.

To the Honorable the Members of the
First and Second Branches of the City Council:

Called to the position of Acting Mayor by the remarkable events that have transpired in our city, as well as in the country, it becomes my duty to make the annual communication required by law, to your honorable body. We cannot be unmindful of the obligations we are under to a kind Providence for the manifold blessings bestowed upon us as a community; even in the alarms of civil war, we have realized the blessings of bountiful harvests, pleasant seasons and a mild and genial climate; while our city has been favored with unusual good health, and a total exemption from epidemic disease. We have passed through dangers and sore trials of no ordinary character, yet under the present circumstances it may be unwise, as well as unprofitable, to refer particularly at this time to the many acts that have occurred in our city growing out of the present crisis.

There is one subject, however, though painful it may be, I feel it my duty to call your attention to. George William Brown, who had been elected Mayor of the city by a majority, which, under the circumstances, was without precedent, was arrested on the 12th of September last, by the authority of the General Government, and removed from this city, and placed in confinement, where he has been detained ever since, with

the exception of a short time, when he was released for thirty days to attend to some important private business, with the understanding that he was not to leave the State of Massachusetts. By this act the people of Baltimore have been deprived of the services of their Chief Magistrate for nearly four months, and their interests thereby have been materially injured.

Up to this time the causes of his arrest have not been made known to the people of Baltimore. In his case no affidavit was made, no charges preferred, no public examination had, and so far as we have been advised, no justification for his arrest and detention has transpired. He is deprived of his liberty and denied the right accorded and dear to the humblest citizen of our common country. This is the more remarkable because it is known that on the 19th of April, the time when our troubles commenced, Mr. Brown most gallantly and fearlessly exposed his life to protect the soldiers who were then, in obedience to the call of the President, passing through this city; and at the Town Meeting held the same day, in the midst of a most excited people, a large portion of whom differed with him in opinion, declared himself opposed to the doctrine of State secession.

It is well known that Mr. Brown subsequently exerted himself to restore peace and order in Baltimore, and that his object and motive was to produce this result, at the same time to preserve Baltimore from the dangers which then seemed to him to be imminent and most threatening. To such an extent did Mr. Brown exert himself, that his health broke down, and for several days during the time of the greatest excitement here, he was confined to his bed, and his physician forbid all access to or communication with him. Mr. Brown has ever been distinguished for his lofty tone and purity of character, for his love of country and his patriotic devotion to the discharge of his public duties, and no consideration could have induced him to consent for a moment to do any act inconsistent

with his official position or the obligations of his oath. He was taken from his family at midnight, without previous notice, without charges and without examination known to him or his friends. He has been confined for months, without investigation into his case, without opportunity to vindicate his innocence, and without knowing, except by vague rumors, the suspicions entertained against him. He has shown his ardent love for constitutional liberty, and doubtless will be ever ready at any personal sacrifice, to sustain the rights and freedom of the community which so highly honored him. If it was unreasonable, in the days of the power of the Roman Empire, "to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him," how much more is it so, in the days of our glorious Republic, the land of the free and the home of the brave, and under the light of the nineteenth century!

Your attention has been invited to this matter, not with any hope that you can redress the wrong. But does it not demand on your part an early and earnest appeal for redress to those who can render it, and restore George William Brown to his official position as Mayor of our beloved city? believing the imprisonment of such men, under the circumstances, is injurious to the peace and dignity of the United States, while their liberties would tend to restore confidence, where it is now wanting. It was a maxim of the great and good Washington, "THAT IN WAR WE SHOULD TREAT OUR ENEMIES AS IF ONE DAY THEY MIGHT BE OUR FRIENDS."

How much more is it incumbent upon us in this community, where we are not yet afflicted with such dire calamity, to keep in mind that noble Christian sentiment! However we may differ in opinions, there is no necessity for personal hostility and animosity towards each other, for the day will come when these issues that now afflict us will be past, and we will live side by side together, and we may then wish with unavailing regrets that we had not by unkind words and acts forever alienated some who we would like to be our friends, remembering the words of Henry Clay, "That whenever the most

valuable elements of union, mutual kindness, reciprocal feelings of sympathy, equal rights and fraternal bonds, which now happily unite us, shall be destroyed, all hope for the future of our country shall be extinguished forever."

The meeting of the City Council, as directed by the New Code, on the first Monday in January instead of the third Monday, as formerly, almost precludes the Mayor from giving, as required, "an accurate account of the money received and expended," for the reason that the financial and other officers of the corporation cannot present in time full and accurate reports and statements of the receipts and disbursements of their several departments to the Mayor, upon which to base his report. I would therefore respectfully suggest that you memorialize the present Legislature of the State to change the time of the annual meeting of the City Council to the third Monday in January.

The financial statement as furnished by the Register, and embodied in this communication, must be considered as approximating the result, yet as nearly accurate as possible.

The Stock debt of the city, January 1st, 1862		$15,275,000.00
Entire floating debt of the city		750,000.00
		$16,025,000.00
Deduct sinking funds and stocks owned by the city		5,700,000.00
		$10,325,000.00
Bonds guaranteed by the city for the North Western Virginia Railroad Company on which the city pays the interest	1,500,000 00	
Bonds guaranteed for the York and Cumberland Railroad on which the city does not pay interest,	500,000 00	
Bonds guaranteed for the Western Maryland Railroad, on which the city does not pay interest	175,000 00	
		2,175,000.000
		$12,500,000.00

Leaving twelve million five hundred thousand dollars as the present liability and indebtedness of the city, not, however, estimating the one million five hundred thousand dollars secured by mortgage on the North Western Virginia Railroad, nor the $500,000.00 on the York and Cumberland, and the $175,000.00 of the Western Maryland Railroad, leaves the amount of city debt $10,325,000.00.

For more full and detailed statement of the financial condition of the corporation, I would refer you to the report of the Register of the city, and in this connexion it is deemed due to accord to him praise for a faithful devotion to the duties of his office, as well as for earnest zeal in promoting the financial interests of the corporation.

To the report of the City Comptroller you are also referred, as giving valuable information. This office, which is so ably and commendably filled, has proved to be greatly to the advantage of the city, in imposing wholesome restraints and checks on the disbursements of the various departments of the city government, as well as guaranteeing a safe precaution against any errors or loss that might accrue in any of the financial transactions of the corporation.

One hundred thousand dollars of the floating debt of the city was created under the ordinance No. 22, approved April 20th, 1861, to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the defence of the city against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis.

Of which amount $10,000 was paid to the working men for grading Patterson Park, and $2,000 was paid to, and distributed under the direction of, the Poor Association, for the use of indigent widows, sewing women, &c., and $61,000 was expended in erecting the Canton bridge, payments of interest on loan, and for other purposes under the ordinance, leaving still on hand $27,100 to meet any existing claims which cannot be

liquidated with justice to the city, until testimony can be had from persons now absent, including the Mayor.

The report of the City Collector gives you an exhibit of the condition of that department, showing a gratifying result.—The separation of the collection of the tax on personal property from that on real estate, proposed by Mr. Brown, in his message last year, and adopted by ordinance, has worked well and resulted in the receipt of a very much larger amount of taxes than would otherwise have been received, and in fact it contributed largely in maintaining the financial credit of the city. By the inducement offered of a liberal discount, for prompt payment, large numbers avail themselves of the benefit who otherwise would let their taxes remain unpaid until the end of the year, thereby causing the city to borrow money in anticipation of income from taxes which may not be realized. Personal property, by its very changing nature and ownership, no calculation could be made of its being found, to levy upon for payment of taxes, if delay is granted over six months from March 1st. Its continuance is recommended,

The total gross amount of taxes collected for city purposes on the several levies, during the year 1861, was $1,300,093.26, exclusive of interest. Of which amount, $466,147.88, exclusive of interest, was received on account of the levy of previous years, leaving $873,955.01, collected on the levy of 1861; of which, $348,438.55, was for taxes on personal property, and $525,526.46, on real estate.

The basis of taxation for this year may be calculated to be reduced considerably by the losses of depreciation and removals from the city, caused by the troubles that are upon us.—In the estimation of the Appeal Tax Court, you cannot calculate upon over 130,000,000 as the taxable basis for the year 1862, showing a loss of over $9,000,000 on that of 1861.

I need not say that this fact calls for your serious attention, particularly as no certain calculation can now be made that even that amount can be depended upon six months hence.

Your attention is called, as it was last year, to the fact that many citizens who reside a few months of the year in summer, in the country, outside of the limits of the city, and claim, on that account, to be residents of the counties of the State, for the purpose of obtaining an exemption from city taxation on all their personal property, such as vessels, bank stocks, mortgages, judgments, furniture, and even stocks of goods and capital invested in mercantile houses doing active business in our streets. There is no equity or right in any one to shrink from and avoid bearing an equal share of the burdens of taxation, while they claim and receive all the benefits of the contributions of others. Enjoying equally with others all the advantages of our municipal regulations, they lift not the heavy burdens of our already oppressed tax-payers so much as with their little finger.

Property of every kind, wherever found, wherever it is, it is protected, defended, and made productive, ought to bear the expense of the laws and regulations by which the result is had, and without which it must seek investment or domicil somewhere else. Unless this license is arrested by legislative enactment, it must soon lead to the withdrawal of a large amount of property from the taxable basis of our city, increase the heavy taxes now on real estate, and lead to final bankruptcy. For a list of some such exemptions from taxation, you are referred to pages 220, 21, 22 and 23 of Second Branch Journal of last year.

This evil can be and must be remedied by the Legislature of the State, and I would respectfully urge upon you the necessity of application at once, to have such laws passed as will meet the case. The decreased basis of taxation, and the large amount absolutely required to meet the financial obligations of the city, must fall heavy upon tax payers, and with all the curtailment and economy that you can bring to bear upon the various departments of the corporation, the rate of taxation *will and must* be larger than last year.

The office of the Commissioners for Opening Streets was, by ordinance, abolished last year, and the powers and duties conferred upon the Appeal Tax Court. This change has worked well, and the members of the Court concur in expressing the opinion "that the duties of the two offices can be discharged as provided for under the ordinance, and the practical result will ensure a very large saving of expense to the property holders who may be interested therein." The saving, also, of expense to the city is considerable. Its continuanec is advised.

There has also been a change in the offices of City Commissioner and Port Warden, combining both in one office, styled City Commissioners and Port Wardens, dividing the city into three departments, with a Commissioner for each, the three to constitute a Board to determine upon any improvements, repairs, &c., necessary, and with the approval of the Mayor and Comptroller, effect the same. The plan is working well under the efficient management of the Board, and promises good results in preventing any waste of the public funds in needless expenditures. The contract system, as carried out by them, has already saved fifty per cent. to the city in paving and other repairs. They are also empowered to erect and remove lamps, flag and stepping stones, upon the requisition of the Mayor, and thereby saving much needless and expensive legislation by the Councils. For further information in regard to this department, you are referred to their report.

The Board of Health, or Health Department, has also been modified, lessening the expense to the city, yet very materially increasing its efficiency. The saving to the city during the year has been over $10,000. The appropriation for cleaning the streets has run out, and will require a further appropriation at your hands.

Some drawback to the more effectual working of the Health department has arisen during the past few months, from the separation of the Police Department from the control

of the Health Commissioner, in delivering and receiving notices, complaints, &c. In connection with this department is the Marine Hospital, in regard to which some alteration is required in the ordinance relating to it. The change proposed is as follows:

1st. Set aside and enclose the lot of ground immediately connected with the hospital buildings, for the purpose of a pasture and garden for the use of the Physician, and let the balance of the farm be rented out by the City Comptroller on the best terms attainable, for the benefit of the city.

2. Employ a Hospital Steward, who shall be a married man, and whose wife shall act in the capacity of matron and nurse, who shall occupy the hospital buildings, at an annual salary, and shall procure their own supplies of provision, fuel, &c., furnishing board for the boatmen, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between them; and he shall also supply such necessary articles of diet to the sick as may be directed by the Physician, for which he shall receive the sum of fifty cents per day, the amount now paid by patients; this amount to be collected, as far as practicable, from the patients or those placing them in the hospital, and in case of paupers, to be paid by the city.

3d. Boatmen to be hired by the Physician, at such prices as may be agreed upon per month, exclusive of their board, they being required to board themselves.

4th. No supplies other than medicine to be furnished by the Board of Health.

This arrangement will save considerable to the city, more than can possibly be done under the present plan.

The Water Department is one of the most interesting, as well as one of the most important connected with the city government. The entire works are now, for all practical purposes, completed, and every outlay has been judiciously made with reference to utility and permanency; and we can now look upon the whole with satisfaction and pride, knowing that the city of Baltimore possesses durable water works, furnishes a pure and constant supply of pure, wholesome water, unsurpass-

ed by any other city. All this, however has not been done without considerable cost to the city. The entire cost is estimated at the present time to be, in round numbers, $3,700,000, including various parcels of property which may be disposed of hereafter as unnecessary for the use or maintenance of the Water Works, estimated to produce when sold, $200,000—making the net cost of the Water Works, $3,500,000.

The management of the Water Works has been wisely committed to a Board of Commissioners, who, with the practical experience of several years past, combined with the knowledge and skill of those successful in accomplishing happy results in other enterprizes, have presented through a committee an able and comprehensive report, from which I have embodied much in this communication. This report together with the regular report of the Water Board, embracing that of Mr. Charles P. Manning, the Chief Engineer, and others, will be found to be full of interest; accompanying the report will be a Topographical map, showing the whole extent and scope of the works from Lake Roland, which forms a beautiful sheet of water, destined to become a favorite resort of the citizens during all seasons of the year, and second only in interest to Druid Hill Park, from thence can be traced the whole course of the aqueduct, perfect and durable in all its parts, to the Hampden Reservoir, and from thence across Jones' falls to that of Mount Royal.

The capacity of Lake Roland is.....500,000,000 gallons,
Making an available supply to the city of 400,000,000 gallons.

The capacity of the conduit is 36,000,000 in 24 hours.

The map is complete and perfect in all its parts, and is an exact copy of one on a larger scale in the office of the Water Board.

The report of the Committee referred to before "reviews the present system of conducting the business of the department

with reference to such changes and modifications of existing regulations as may be considered advisable." It presents many very valuable and important changes and alterations which I heartily commend to your consideration. All the officers of the Water Department should be appointed by the Board and be responsible to it, subject to removal, as other city officers are, by the Mayor. "It appears to be a conceded opinion that the City Water Works should produce a revenue sufficient to defray the current expenses, and a sum sufficient to pay the annual interest on the debt incurred in the cost of the works. The Legislature of the State, in giving the authority to the city to embark in this enterprise, and the action of the councils in reference to the subject, contemplated an income for the above purposes. The time has now arrived when it is absolutely necessary to increase the revenue from some source to meet the large deficiency in paying the interest, and the current expenses of the department."

The revenue for the year 1861 will be about.....	$180,000 00
The interest on the debt is.....	210,000 00
The expenses.....	10,000 00

leaving a certain deficit of forty thousand dollars for the year 1861; and if the revenue is not increased during this year, there must be a further deficit of fifty thousand dollars. How shall the deficiency be met?

This subject having occupied the serious attention of the Water Board for some time, and deeming the subject requires early action on the part of the council, have determined to propose a new schedule of water rates, which is submitted for your consideration.

Water Rates—Payable yearly in advance.

A private family in a house of		over 22 ft. front,	$15.00
do	do	over 17 and not over 22 ft.	12.00
do	do	of 14 ft. and not over 17 ft.	9.00
do	do	under 14 ft. front,	6.00

A house occupied by more than one family, extra for each additional family,..... 2.00
Stores and warehouses not occupied as dwellings,..... 10.00

All other rates same as at present.

And in view of inducing a prompt payment of the water rates, the following discounts will be allowed:

All bills paid at the Office of the Water Department on or before March 1st, a discount of 10 per cent. April 1st, 8 per cent. May 1st, 6 per cent. July 1st, 4 per cent. September 1st, 2 per cent. No discount shall be allowed after the 1st day of September; and all bills not paid by said date shall be subject to an extra charge for collecting.

It is believed the charges are equitable, and that the revenue of the department will be increased thereby. The reduction of the rates on the smaller class of houses under 14 feet front, will induce many who occupy such houses to become water takers, who are not now—thereby conferring the boon of pure water upon a worthy class, and promoting the general health of our city. The reduction, also, on stores and warehouses, will induce many of them to take water for drinking purposes, who would not pay the higher rate now demanded.

The increase on some class of houses is so slight, that all will cheerfully accord to the reasonableness of the change. Heretofore the water takers, those who have it on their premises, are the only persons that have contributed to the expenses of the Water Department. Out of 37,000 buildings in the city, there are but 16,370 buildings supplied with water, leaving more than one-half of the houses in the city exempt from any cost whatever for the use of water for the extinguishment of fires and other purposes. Without the aid of these works, the steam fire engines would be comparatively useless; property holders and others, who derive great advantages by the reduction in the rate of insurance, and risk of loss by fire, without any remuneration to the Water Department therefor. That

they should be required to contribute to the expenses of the department, in some form or other, is plain to all. Again, there are other outlays imposed upon the Water Department for which it should receive some return. The fire plugs adapted to the steam fire engines, cost three times the amount of the fire plugs formerly used. The cost of fire plugs alone the last few years, including those in the original purchase by the city amounts to over fifty thousand dollars; and by a report from the Water Engineer, $5,000 dollars annually will be required to erect new ones and repair the old. Large size water mains have been laid at great extra expence, in order to give a full supply to the fire plugs which have been placed in almost every square; and it is estimated that half a million of dollars additional has been incurred in the erection of the works and laying mains, in order that the Fire Department might always depend upon a full flow of water. Therefore, in order to raise a sufficient revenue to enable the Water Board to meet all their annual liabilities, the following rates are proposed—to be called WATER AND FIRE PLUG RATES—to be assessed annually upon all lots of gound with buildings thereon, where water is not taken, and that bind on any street, lane or alley where the water mains are laid, or within 300 feet of any fire plug. The said rate to be paid to or collected by the Water Department, and to be subject to the same discount and regulations as other water rates are.

Lots with buildings		over 22 ft. front and 4 stories high,	$5 00
do	do	over 22 ft. front and under 4 stories high,.....	4 00
do	do	17 ft front and not over 22 ft. front	3 00
do	do	14 ft. front and not over 17 ft. front	2 00
do	do	under 14 ft. front,.....	1 00

Whenever any owner or occupier of any property subject to the water and fire plug rate, shall have the water introduced into said premises, and become consumers of water, the rate shall be abated. For the reasons set forth, the rates proposed

are equitable and just, and must meet with the approval of all citizens; and the result will bring a sufficient revenue to enable the Water Board to meet all their expenses, without throwing the burden upon the city treasury. With these rates enacted, we may hope in a few years to have the regular water rates reduced one to two dollars per house.

The report of the Commissioners of Public Schools will give you the operations during the past year in that department. In no city do the Public Schools occupy a more prominent and promising position, than in ours; and it is mainly due to the excellent management and untiring zeal of the Board of School Commissioners. The Public Schools are commended to your fostering care, and to as liberal appropriations for their continued support as can be made consistent with the means of the city to afford—believing that curtailment had better be made in all other department, than in this; and any cutting down of the appropriation to the Public Schools would prove to be poor economy in the end.

The Fire Department is well manned and efficiently managed, and the results show the very great value of a Paid Fire Department to the city and the citizens. Under the present Board of Fire Commissioners, you have a guarantee that not one dollar will be spent, but for value received and outlay required. Their report will furnish you the details of their operations.

The Fire Inspector's Report will also furnish you with interesting details. The number of fires for 1861, has been 96. Chimneys, 15. False alarms, 19. Outside city limits, 6. Total, 135. Incendiary, 29. The loss by fire has only been about $60,000. *Less than has occurred in any one year for* 25 *years past.*

The Visitors of the Jail present a very interesting report, to which your special attention is called. Under the excellent management of the warden, who is peculiarly fitted to fill the position, the Baltimore City Jail may be said to be one of

the model institutions of the country. The visitors, in their report, call your attention to the great need of having within the bounds of the jail wall, a building, to be known as *The Work House*, in which those committed that the law requires should work, can be employed. A cheap but substantial building could be built in the N. E. corner of the lot, at a trifling expense. The large gateway on Buren street, and the railing near the office wall, are not sufficient protection to the yard, and should be altered to secure the safety of the prisoners when in the yard at work. An appropriation of $30,000, will be required to meet the expenses of the coming year." All the prisoners the law requires to work, the warden has employed in making a garden in back yard, building a stone stable, improving the front yard as an ornamental garden, with grass plots, shrubery, fountain, gravel walks, &c.; this, when finished, will add greatly to the beauty of the jail, and will be an ornament to the city's property. Many very important improvements have been introduced in the building and its management, which will be seen more fully in the report.

The fiscal year of the Trustees of the Poor and Alms House closed on the 31st December, 1861, and sufficient time has not elapsed to the present to enable the Trustees of that Department to present their annual report. It will, however, be prepared in the course of the current month, and submitted to your consideration. In advance of receiving a report of the details in connection with that department, I am gratified in being able to state that *notwithstanding the condition of the times for the past year, there has been but a small increase in the number of poor admitted to the benefits of the institution*, and that its expenses have been considerably less than the appropriation for its support, a saving of not less than $9,000.

The ordinance providing for the erection of an almshouse building on the farm purchased of Mr. A. W. Goldsborough, for sufficient reasons, was repealed by the last council, and the committee on the almshouse were empowered to make equita-

ble settlements with the contractors. A settlement has been made with some; but others are still unadjusted, and it will devolve upon you to continue the arrangement, or take such action as may be deemed proper.

The report of the Trustees of the McDonogh Educational Fund and Institute, is presented with this communication, showing the nett amount of cash funds received of $123,702.92, which is invested in city stock, leaving a large balance in cash and notes running to maturity in New Orleans. Whether any loss may accrue to said fund, under existing circumstances, cannot now be determined.

The House of Refuge is still fulfilling its mission, and is an important adjunct to the city, relieving it of a large amount of expense in punishing of crimes and violation of the regulations of the city, by affording a preventative in educating and accustoming to the restraints of law and order, that class of youth who, without the fostering care of that noble institution, would become the pests of society. The completion and opening of the female department, in a new and separate building, erected mainly by the liberal beneficence of one whose name can never be forgotten in Baltimore, will enable the Managers still more fully to carry out the praiseworthy designs of the institution.

The City Passenger Railway Association have failed to agree with the terms of the contract proposed in accordance with the report of the Joint Select Committee of the last council, while they also have not complied with many conditions of the ordinance by which they have obtained from the city important and valuable considerations. It is for you to determine whether the resolution adopted by the last council shall be carried out or not. Whatever action is had, it is important to act at once. The amount received from the City Passenger Railway Association, for Park fund, is—

Receipts from City Passenger Railway Association, in 1860 and 1859,.....	$32,902 14
In 1861,.....	53,862 70
Total,.....	$86,764 84

The City Counsellor's report will present the number of cases under his charge in the various Courts, in which the city is interested.

The Parks are becoming the institutions of the city, and that of Druid Hill surpasses anything of the kind in this country or in Europe, in the wild natural beauty of the primeval forest, which the woodman's axe has never desecrated. Old oaks, monarchs of the wood, and noble specimens of our native forest trees, have here been preserved. Hill and dell and meadow green, vary the scene, combining all the advantages that could be desired. Druid Hill has, by some mysterious agency, been kept shut in from the outside world, and remembered in the days of boyhood as forbidden ground to every urchin, as was the garden of Eden, kept by the flaming sword. Well may the citizens of Baltimore rejoice in its possession and enjoyment. Sustained as it is without any expence to the city by the revenue received from the City Passenger Railway, which revenue, it is calculated, will fully meet all the expense incurred for interest on the bonds, and all other outlays for maintaining the parks in proper order, &c., without calling on the city for one dollar. The city owns, through the Water Board, two pumps, at the old pump house of the Chase Reservoir; one of which, if donated to the Park Commissioners, would be erected by them on Jones' falls, near the park, thereby forcing water up upon the highest hill, and adding much to their advantage in beautifying the grounds. I would therefore recommend the donation of one of the pumps to the Park commissioners for the object stated.

The interest of the city in the various railroads has been seriously affected by the crisis during the past year. Your attention is called to make provision at once for the payment of the interest on $1,500,000 of the bonds of the North-Western Virginia Railroad Company, guaranteed by the city—the interest on which amounts to $45,000, and became due on the 1st inst. The council, in July last, made provision for the same amount, which fell due July 1st—the Baltimore and Ohio

Railroad Company refusing to pay the said interest in compliance with the agreement as understood and acted on previously between them and the North Western Virginia Railroad Company. As the case is the same as acted on by the council in July last, I would refer you to the Journal of the First Branch, pages 638, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47, for further information.

The North-Western Virginia Railroad Company is indebted to the City of Baltimore, on the 1st of January, including the $45,000 to be paid, one million seven hundred thousand dollars, ($1,700,000,) of which $1,600,000 is covered by mortgage; and as there seems to be no prospect of any better results in the future, I would recommend a foreclosure of the mortgage and a sale of the road at the first favorable opportunity.

The Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad Company have paid nothing during the past year for interest on the million loan.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company have paid but one dividend of 3 per cent. on the Stock held by the city in said road, amounting to $105,000. Fifteen additional miles of track have been completed by the Western Maryland Railroad Company from beyond Finksburg to Westminster and to the Wakefield Valley towards Union Bridge, and in conformity with the ordinance, seventy-five thousand dollars of the Bonds of said company have been endorsed, making in all up to the present time $175,000 of Bonds endorsed by the city.

Tne report of the Inspector and Sealer of Gas Meters—a new office created during the past year—will prove highly interesting to you, as well as to the public at large. Important information and directions are given, which will save much expense to the citizens who are consumers of gas. Certain alterations are suggested to the ordinance, as necessary to the proper working of the department. Since the 15th of June last, 1,438 meters have been inspected—1,272 for the Gas Company, and 166 for consumers.

The report of Dr. Aiken, Inspector of Illuminating Gas, also a new office created the past year, presents to your consideration exceedingly interesting facts, and promises results materially to the interest of the City of Baltimore, and particularly so to all gas consumers. The continuance of both offices is recommended.

There are many of the ordinances of the city which require amendments and alterations. The ordinance relating to the sweeping of chimneys needs revision. The almost entire change of fuel in use, from wood to that of coal, requires alteration in regard to the necessity of sweeping the chimneys as

often as is now required by the ordinance. Again, the time was that boys could be readily obtained as chimney sweeps: now it is almost impossible to secure any that can be depended upon to perform the work as it should be done. Machines are invented that are and can be adapted to sweep more effectually all chimneys in the city, than possibly can be done by hand. They are in use in other cities, with entire satisfaction. These introduced will necessitate other changes of the ordinance in regard to flues, &c. All of which is submitted for your consideration.

I would recommend the ordinance providing for the appointment of a special keeper of refuse material belonging to the corporation, to be so amended as to transfer the duties of the office upon the comptroller, without the compensation as provided.

I would also recommend the passage of an ordinance supplementary to ordinance No. 93, approved Oct. 11th, 1860, requiring the Register of the city, upon receipt of the returns of the Judges of Elections for Municipal Officers, to notify those elected to appear before the Mayor within thirty days, as required by law, and take the oath presented by law or ordinance. This will obviate any cavil hereafter.

Your special attention is called to the following ordinances: No. 18, to preserve the health of the city; No. 27, to regulate the several markets in the City of Baltimore; No. 32, regulating the riding and driving of horses and carriages, &c.; and ordinance No. 33, to enforce useful regulations, to restrain certain evil practices, and remove nuisances. Nine-tenths of all the arrests made, and fines imposed, are for the violation of some section of these ordinances; and they are too often made use of as the instrument, in the hands of those who are invested with the power, to afflict pains and penalties upon many persons who are innocent of any intention to violate any of the provisions of the ordinances of the City or the laws of the State. To such an extent has this practice been and is still carried on, that any one made cognizant of the facts must say that *justice* is too often administered politically and maliciously, if not righteously. The occasion is furnished by the said ordinances for the easy gratification of private revenge. The public have no idea of the extent of sheer persecution that is carried on under the pretence of enforcing the observance of the ordinances of the city, which were never passed for the purpose of catching law-abiding citizens, in any seeming violation, while ignorant of the provisions of the regulations, and forcing them to pay costs which enures to the benefit of those who may instigate the proceedings, including informers. The

fines can be remitted by the Mayor, but this only gives partial relief; the costs often equal, if not exceed, the fine imposed; and the very fact that the fine can be remitted furnishes a reason for giving a judgment which secures the costs, and by way of recompense, sending the party to the Mayor, who of course will remit the fine.

Many cases have occurred of peculiar hardship; the ordinance have been stretched to almost rending to cover supposed infractions. Barbers who for 30 years have had their tri-color poles and awning posts planted near the curb, have, without notice or complaint, been pounced on and fined five dollars and costs, under the section of ordinance 32, relating to signs.—Brickmakers have been arraigned for mixing clay for the purpose of making brick, in yards where they have done so for 40 years, &c., &c. Many are made to suffer, whose testimony cannot, by the laws of the State, avail them under certain circumstances.

The case is one which demands redress at your hands. *Respect for law, and for the intent for which the law is executed, is the highest and strongest incentive that can be given to secure obedience to its behests.* The whole system relative to Justices of the Peace and Constables, as inaugurated under the New Constitution for the City of Baltimore, is radically wrong; men are placed in official position where the ordinary receipts would never yield a support, and the temptation to eke it out by rooting out seeming violations of law is too strong to be resisted. Most men think an office owes them a living, if the world does not, and they are very apt to make it do so one way or another.

How shall a corrective be applied? or must we continue, as a community, to bear them as necessary evils? The corrective can easily be applied, so far as the city is concerned: let a section be added to each of the several ordinances mentioned, directing that a printed or other notice shall be served upon any violator of any of the provisions or sections of the ordinances, for the first offence, and if it shall appear upon evidence that any such notice has been given or received, all fines imposed for any second violation shall not be remitted by the Mayor. Such notices are now given by the Fire Inspector, and also to some extent by the Health Department; let it be required in all cases and have the printed notices prepared, setting forth the sections of the ordinances violated, and the good results will be seen and felt by all good citizens, who only need to know the laws made for their good and protection, to keep and obey them.

The Magistrates who collect the fines imposed under the city ordinances, make returns quarterly; no bond is given by

them to the city as security for the same. Some provision ought to be made to meet the case.

A change of section 56 of ordinance No. 33, is recommended in relation to steam engines. No mention is made of steam boilers, the presumption being that steam engines may explode but boilers not, and there are steam boilers without engines. I deem it, however, contrary to the business prosperity of our city to impose any stringent restrictions, of which I regret to say we have too many, upon our manufacturing or mechanical interests; and it is earnestly recommended to your consideration, the reference of all such cases to a permission to erect, build or put in operation, &c., all manufacturing or mechanical business, to be given by proper notice on a recommendation from the Board of City Commissioners, together with the Fire Inspector and Board of Health in some cases, and to be finally approved by the Comptroller and signed and approved by the Mayor. The same alterations or similar reference might be had to ordinances Nos. 18, 27, 32 and other sections of No. 33. This would save much expense of legislation by the councils on each particular case petitioned for to them, and as well or better protect the general interests of the corporation. There is a perplexing and annoying tax levied by the city, as well as by owners of private wharfs, upon the trade of our merchants, mechanics and manufacturers, which, if it can be got rid of, would promote the general trade of our city. I allude to the wharfage charged on all goods either received from or delivered to any vessel; no such tax is imposed upon trade either in Philadelphia or New York. The amount might be collected in some other form with equal results and less vexation; the suggestion is submitted for consideration.

There are other recommendations and suggestions which might be alluded to, which would tend materially to promote the comfort and convenience of the citizens of Baltimore, but which the present means of the treasury would not allow; nor would time or space justify their mention, but which can be done by those who come after us.

I have done. I have given you, as fearlessly and as clearly as I could, under the limited time had, an exposition of the state of affairs of our city, and the needs for her future good. Any lack on my part in furnishing information or giving directions to your Honorable Body, will be readily supplied by the suggestive minds of which the council is composed.

Retiring with the hope and trust that harmony, mutual respect, fraternal regard and friendly co-operation, may mark our future intercourse with one another, in promoting the interest and future welfare of our beloved Baltimore,

Very Respectfully,

CHARLES J. BAKER,

Ex-Officio Mayor.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing and directing the Register of the City of Baltimore, to borrow money and pay the interest due on the bonds or certificates of loan of the Northwestern Virginia Railroad Company, guaranteed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 8, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that we have concurred in your proposition to appoint a Joint Special Committee on the Passenger Railway Association, to whom all matters relating to said association may be referred, and name on the part of this Branch, Messrs. Sauerwein, Dukehart and Lamden.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

The President appointed Messrs. Robb, Alrichs and Dean as the Special Committee on the part of this Branch, on the subject of the City Passenger Railway Association.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, January 9, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Robb offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Whereas, property of every kind wherever found, where it is protected, defended and made productive, ought to bear the expense of the laws and regulations, where the result is had; and, *whereas*, a large amount of personal property, such as vessels, stocks, mortgages, &c., obtain an exemption from city taxation, by citizens claiming to be residents of the county, who only reside there a few months in the summer; and, *whereas*, such exemptions place additional burdens on the property of others, rendering taxes unequal, and in some instances unjust; therefore,

Resolved, that the subject here indicated, and as set forth more fully on 18th and 19th pages of Second Branch Journal, present session, be referred to the Joint Standing Committee of Ways and Means, with directions to consider the same, and make application to the Legislature of the State, at its present session, for the passage of such laws as may meet the case.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, January 10, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

Mr. Dean moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved the appointment of a select committee on the part of this Branch, to distribute the several matters contained in the communication of Charles J. Baker, Esq., prepared by him, as Ex-Officio Mayor, to the appropriate committees for their consideration, which was determined in the affirmative.

The President appointed Messrs. Robb, Dean and Marden as the committee, in pursuance of the foregoing motion.

The following communication from the Mayor, and accompanying document, were received from the Frst Branch:

MAYOR'S OFFICE—CITY HALL,
Baltimore, January 10th, 1862.

To the Honorable the Members of the First and Second Branches of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

The President of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Rail Road Company, herewith presents the Annual Report of the Company, and desires an interview with a Committee of the two Branches of the City Council, at as early a period of time as is convenient. The County of Allegany, Pa., held a first mortgage of the road. The President appeared before a Committee of the City Council of 1860, informing them that this interest would be publicly sold on a fixed day, and that he feared it would go into the possession of the Central Pa R. R. Co., which would be exceedingly detrimental to the future interests of Baltimore in that Road.

The committee reported favorably, and the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as was necessary to consumate the object, was appropriated, but the measure failed to receive the approval of the Mayor. The sale was postponed, and the President again appeared before the Council of 1861, but with no success. Finding that a sale of this interest would certainly take place, and fearing the result, the President applied to Mr. John W. Garrett, who furnished the means and purchased this interest for a fraction over seven thousand dollars, and now holds it.

The President respectfully asks for the appointment of a committee of two, to proceed to Pittsburg, and examine the financial and operative condition of the Road. If it should be deemed expedient to appoint this committee, I would respectfully suggest to the gentlemen composing it, the propriety of endeavouring to procure the Bonds of the City of Pittsburg, for the million and interest, legally binding the City of Baltimore, to apply it to the construction of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Road, commencing at Cumberland, and appropriating a specified amount, say ten thousand dollars per mile to consecutive sections of five miles each, not selecting a route until all the various routes to Connellsville had been canvassed, and then taking that one which furnished the largest amount of local aid and facility of construction.

This is the mode of building the Western Maryland Road, and one which distributes the cost of construction upon interested parties.

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN LEE CHAPMAN,

Ex-Officio Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH & CONNELLSVILLE RAIL ROAD COMPANY,

Baltimore, January 9th, 1862.

To the Honorable Mayor and

City Council of Baltimore:

The undersigned respectfully presents to your Honorable Body, the Ninth Annual Report of the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Rail Road Company, which was submitted by the President and Directors to the Stockholders on the 2d ultimo, at Pittsburgh, on the occasion of their annual meeting for the election of Directors for the ensuing year.

The report contains a detailed account of the affairs of the Company; but as its relations to the City of Baltimore are of a close and peculiar character, the newly elected Board of Directors, passed, at their first session, and at the suggestion of their President, a resolution requesting him to communicate to your Honorable Body, their desire that you should depute a committee to visit Pittsburgh, and examine into the condition and prospects of the road. To this step, they were moved

by an earnest wish that their efforts to perform their trust faithfully and efficiently, should be subjected to the scrutiny of the authorities of Baltimore, the largest creditor of the Company, as well as to that of the Stockholders. The many difficulties in the face of which the Directory have conducted the operation and extension of the work, are not unknown to you as citizens of Baltimore, by whom the "pressure of the times" for the last five years have not been unfelt in your public and private concerns. It is, however, the desire of the Directory, that in your official capacity, you should be perfectly informed of the manner in which those difficulties have been met thus far, in the hope that you may approve of the course they have pursued, and may indicate your wishes as to that which you prefer they should pursue hereafter.

The Company has been compelled to use every resource at their command, in order to complete the extension of their road into the City of Pittsburgh, an object, of the importance of which, the then Council of Baltimore exhibited its sense, in the ordinance of April 21, 1858, passed for the purpose of facilitating its accomplishment.

The present Council is now respectfully invited to examine, through a deputation of their Body, the manner in which the object has been at length affected, and at the same time, to direct their attention to the general condition and prospects of the whole enterprise, and to its claims upon the continued interest and encouragement of Baltimore.

It is an opportune moment to look into these claims, in view of the extent to which the trade of our city is suffering for want of an independent line to Pittsburgh. The subject is one of such scope, that it can only be hinted at now, as requiring early attention at your hands.

When your Committee shall visit Pittsburgh, which it is hoped they may be able to do before the end of the present month, the reasons why it has been out of the power of the Company to contribute any thing, as yet, since 1857, towards the interest upon the loan so liberally made to them by the City of Baltimore, will be clearly seen, and it is hoped may be satisfactory to your Honorable Body.

The occasion is embraced to call your attention to the expediency of obtaining the assent of the Legislature at its present session, to the exercise of a power which the city reserved to itself, in their ordinance of April 21st, 1858, above referred to.

The right to purchase the "road from Pittsburgh to Fort Perry", in the 5th section of the ordinance, is the one adverted to. State legislation will be necessary to the exercise of that right. The Council, on having the subject presented to it two years ago, being satisfied that the city should possess it, applied to the Legislature then in session, and a bill was reported and would have passed, but for the press of business before that Body. The *use* of the privilege when obtained, is *wholly optional* on the part of the city, but its *posession*, in view of possible future contingencies, is highly advisable, and in view of the brief session of the Legislature, the early action of the Council upon the subject is most respectfully suggested.

I have the Honor to be

Their obedient servant,

BENJ. H. LATROBE,
Pres't P. & C. R. R. Co.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 10, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a Joint Select Committee of one from each Branch of the City Council, in accordance with the suggestions of the President of the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Rail Road Company.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Alricks moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Mr. Alricks as the committee on the part of this Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 10th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 10, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a Joint Special Committee of three from each Branch, to take into consideration, and report upon such amendments as are needed in the new Code, relating to the interest of the City of Baltimore.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Swindell moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Swindell, Robb and Higgins as the committee on the part of this Branch.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 13, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

Messrs. Mules and Duer appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet tho First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

The President laid before the Branch the petition of Walter L. Johnson, in reference to a fine imposed upon him by Chas. D. Hiss, a Justice of the Peace, for an alleged violation of the ordinance to enforce useful regulations, (which fine was remitted by the Mayor, but which the Justice refused to refund to the petitioner,) which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution directing the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means to consider, and make an application to the Legislature at its present session for the passage of such laws as may be necessary to prevent an inequality in the imposition of taxes on personal property in the city of Baltimore, in consequence of an exemption being claimed by non-residents, which was read.

Mr. Robb moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means," and by inserting the words "Joint Special Committee to take

into consideration and report upon such amendments as are needed in the new Code relating to the interests of the city of Baltimore," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 13th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, to refer so much of the Mayor's communication of the 10th instant, as refers to an exchange of the Bonds of the City of Pittsburgh for the Bonds of the City of Baltimore, and the use of the interest thereon in constructing the road from Cumberland, west, to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Alricks moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 14, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

Mr. Robb, from the special committee on the distribution of the several matters contained in the communication of Charles J. Baker, Esq., to the appropriate committees of this Branch, for their consideration, presented the following report and resolution, which were read :

The special committee to whom was referred the Communication of Charles J. Baker, Esq., prepared when acting as Mayor Ex-Officio of Baltimore, for reference to appropriate committees, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and offer the following resolutions :

JOSEPH ROBB,
WM. DEAN,
JESSE MARDEN.
Committee.

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that so much of the communication of Charles J. Baker, Esq., as refers to taxation, Register's, Comptroller's and City Collector's statements, and the various Rail Roads in which the city is interested, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means ; so much as refers to alterations in the Code, in matters where the city is interested, be referred to the special committee on that subject ; so much as refers to the Report of City Commissioners and Port Wardens, be referred to the Committee on Highways ; so much as refers to the Health Department, (including the Marine Hospital,) and revising ordinance No. 18, be referred to the Committee on Health ; so much as relates to the Water Department, to the Committee on Water ; so much as relates to the Public Schools, to the Committee on Education ; so much as relates to the Fire Department, revising the ordinance relating to sweeping chim-

neys, and revising section 56 of ordinance No. 33, be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department; so much as relates to the Jail, revising ordinances 32 and 33, reports of Sealer of Gas Meters and Inspector of Illuminating Gas, to the Committee on Police and Jail; so much as relates to the Almshouse, to the Committee on the Almshouse; so much as relates to the McDonogh Educational Fund and Institute, to the Committee on the McDonogh Bequest; so much as relates to the House of Refuge, to the Committee on that Institution; so much as refers to the City Passenger Railway, to the special committee on that subject; so much as relates to Parks, to the Committee on City Property.

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch,

Baltimore, January 14th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that we have appointed Mr. Dukehart as the member of the Committee of this Branch, in accordance with the suggestion of the President of the Pittsburgh & Connellsville R. R.

By order,

Andrew J. Bandel, *Clerk.*

The following message was received from the First Branch

In First Branch,

Baltimore, January 14, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that Messrs. Dukehart, Norris and Hoopes have been appointed members of Committee from

this Branch, to take into consideration and report upon such alterations and amendments in the Laws of Maryland, relating to the City of Baltimore, as may be deemed necessary.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

A resolution recommending Thos. J. Sprague, a deaf mute, of the City of Baltimore, who is under twenty-one years of age, of sound mind, and whose parents are not possessed of means to pay for such instruction, to the Governor of the State of Maryland, as a beneficiary under sections one and two of article thirty-three of the Code of General Laws, for instruction in the Pennsylvania Institution for the deaf and dumb, or in the Columbian Institution for the instruction of the deaf and dumb, and directing the Clerk of the First Branch to furnish the Governor with a certified copy of the resolution, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 14th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully request the appointment of a Joint Committee on Conference on the proposition to refer the Mayor's message and the communication from the President of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville R. R. Company, and name, as as the committee on the part of this Branch, Messrs. Norris, Dukehart and Barron.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Alricks moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Alricks, Dean and George as the committee on the part of this Branch.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, January 15, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Henry Wilkens & Co. to put up a small steam engine, not exceeding four-horse power, in the rear of their premises, No. 179 West Pratt street, were received from the First Branch, and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting James Doyle permission to continue in use a frame shed in the rear of his blacksmith shop, on Central avenue, between Gough and Bank streets, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to J. W. Cunningham & Bro. to erect a one story frame shed on the rear

of their premises, No. 4 N. Front street, for the purpose of storing carriages and sleighs, provided they cause it to be removed at any time after one month's notice to that effect by the Mayor, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Mathias Murphy to continue in use a one story frame cow stable in the rear of his premises on Oregon street, near Pratt street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution referring the bills of Drs. O. S. Mahon and E. C. Baldwin, for professional services at a post mortem examination, to the Comptroller, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution referring the petition of T. N. Reid, agent, for a return of taxes paid in error, to the board of arbitration, with instruction to thoroughly examine the same, and if found to have been paid in error, to refund the amount or amounts so paid, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Dean moved to amend the resolution by substituting the following in lieu thereof:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the petition of T. N. Reid, agent, praying the return of taxes paid in error, be and the same is hereby referred to the Appeal Tax Court, with instructions to thoroughly examine the same,

and if they should find such taxes to have been paid in error, as alleged in said petition, that said Appeal Tax Court be directed to certify the same to the Comptroller, who is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the said T. N. Reid, agent, such amount as the said Appeal Tax Court shall certify to be due.

The question being taken on the adoption of the amendment, it was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, January 16, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

Mr. Alricks presented the petition of Haslett McKim, and others, praying that the needful measures may be taken to secure, without further delay, the construction of the Passenger Railway, which is designed to run along Calvert, Read and North Charles streets, which was referred to the Joint Special Committee on the City Passenger Railway Association.

A report from the Joint Committee of Conference, on the disagreement between the two Branches, in the matter of the

reference of the communications of the Mayor and the President of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Rail Road Company, with a resolution authorizing the reference of said communications to the Joint Standing Committee on Internal Imrrovements, and directing the chairman of said committee, to invite B. H. Latrobe, Esq., to meet the committee for the purpose of furnishing such further information as may be required for a full and clear understanding of the subject embraced in his communication, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the appointment of a Keeper of Refuse Material belonging to the corporation," approved April 8th, 1861, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the Branch adjourned until tomoro w afternoon at five o'clock:

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, January 17, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Alricks.

Mr. Alricks moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Mon-

day afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, January 17, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that we have concurred in your proposition, "that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock."

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay the expenses of the election held in this city on the 9th day of October and the 6th of November, 1861, and on the 9th January, and that the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to be taken out of the levy for 1862, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr Dean, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 20, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. George called up the resolution authorizing the Comptroller to procure a National flag of sufficient dimensions to answer for the Hall in which the Council meets, and to take measures to have it raised every day the Council is in session, which was read.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the resolution by substituting the following in lieu thereof:

Whereas, by resolution now on the table in this Branch, it appears that action was had in the First Branch on the 7th of January, looking to the placing of a national flag on the hall in which the City Council holds its sessions, which resolution does not make any appropriation for the payment of expenses which may be incurred in carrying out the object therein contemplated, and does not bear the customary enacting clause which is requisite to secure its enforcement; therefore be it

Resolved by the First and Second Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Register of the city be and he is hereby requested to reserve and pay over to the Comptroller a sum pro-rata, from the per diem of the members of both Branches, equal to the sum necessary to procure a National flag to be hoisted over the hall in which the City Council holds its sessions—to be unfurled each day during the sessions of the City Council.

Mr. Robb moved that the resolution and amendment be laid on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr Robb, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 21, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Dean offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Whereas, application has been made to the Legislature of Maryland, for another Gas Light Company, and believing it to be to the interest of the city to have another company; therefore,

Resolved by the First and Second Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Senator and Delegates from the city be requested to vote for the bill now before the Legislature for the incorporation of "The Union Gas Light Company of the City of Baltimore."

A resolution providing for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee, whose duties shall be to examine and dispose of all papers and vouchers relating to the expenditure of money under the provisions of the ordinance "for the preservation of the peace of the city," approved April 20, 1861, to enquire and report what has become of the articles then purchased, and in whose possession they now are, and also what disposition shall be made of the balance of the funds now in the city treasury, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The President appointed Messrs. Robb, Swindell and Higgins as the Committee on the part of this Branch, in pursuance of the foregoing resolution:

A resolution providing for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee, to commence the arrangement and classification, and take measures for the preservation of the public records, documents, &c., was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

The following message was received from the First Branch, and laid on the table:

In First Branch,

Baltimore, January 21, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully request the return to this Branch, the resolution directing the Comptroller to have the National Flag suspended over the Hall in which the Council assembles, for the purpose of amending the same.

By order,

Andrew J. Bandel, *Clerk.*

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch,

Baltimore, January 21st, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that we have named upon the part of this Branch, Messrs. Streeter, Sullivan and Dukehart, as the Committee in relation to the papers and vouchers of the expenditures of money under the provisions of the ordinance "for the defence of the city," approved April 20, 1861.

We also inform you, that we have named Messrs. Streeter, Young and Cromer, as the Committee upon the part of this Branch, on the classification and protection of the papers and documents belonging to the city, now in the possession of the City Register.

By order,

Andrew J. Bandel, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 22, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A resolution requesting the Senator and Delegates from the City of Baltimore, in the General Assembly of Maryland, to use their endeavours to have a bill passed, authorizing the Court of Appeals to hear at the present term of said Court, certain Appeals from Judgments of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, in cases of petition for Writs of Mandamus in relation to the widening and opening of Holliday street, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr: Robb, the resolution was read a second time by special order, and concurred in by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. George:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, George, Willson, Alricks, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—9.

Nay—Mr. Miller—1.

Messrs. Duer and Schwartz appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the Chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

Mr. Dean called up the resolution requesting the Senator and Delegates from the City of Baltimore, in the General Assembly of Maryland, to vote for the bill now before that body, for the incorporation of the "Union Gas Light Company of the City of Baltimore," which was read.

Mr. Miller moved that the resolution be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the message from the First Branch, requesting the return to that Branch, of the resolution directing the Comptroller to procure a National Flag, to be suspended over the hall in which the City Council holds its sessions, for the purpose of amending the same.

Mr. Robb moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, January 23, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from Charles D. Hinks, Esq.:

CHAS. J. BAKER, Esq.,

President Second Branch City Council.

MY DEAR SIR:—Mr. Chapman, in his Message to the City Council, makes the following statement:

"The Police Commissioners have an amount in bank from which they are now paying themselves."

I beg leave to assure you that, so far as I am concerned, this statement is incorrect. I have been paid for the quarter current when the Commissioners were deprived of the right to exercise their functions; which quarter ended on the 6th of August, 1861, but I have received nothing, either directly or indirectly, to any subsequent date.

Yours truly,

C. D. HINKS,

Balto. Jan'y 23d, 1862. *Police Commissioner.*

The following communication from the Mayor *ex-officio* was received from the First Branch:

MAYOR'S OFFICE—CITY HALL,

Baltimore, January 22, 1862.

To the Honorable the Members of the First and

Second Branches of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

We have passed through the most serious trials in the last twelve months.

The dreadful infatuation of dismembering this glorious Union is horrible to contemplate. That there were many amongst us who had this end in view cannot be doubted. Prompted by the demon spirit of ambition, they lured others into the design of destroying the most beneficent Government on earth. The storm gathered and spent its fury on the 19th of April last, and it would be folly to say that we owe our deliverance to our own strength.

But for the firmness of Governor Hicks—to whom every Marylander owes a lasting debt of gratitude—and the counsels of wise men at the seat of government, Baltimore this day would, indeed, be a blackened ruin, and her inhabitants a wandering, distracted and unhappy people.

The Annual Message I present for your consideration may be deficient in many particulars; my inexperience must claim for

it your indulgence. I shall give you a plain and concise view of facts as they present themselves to my mind. I would respectfully ask the appointment of a special committee to examine every department of the city government, and place on record their exact condition. I shall be pleased to co-operate in this labor, and assist in establishing the most judicious retrenchment in all the departments.

The financial condition of the city is in a most healthy state, considering the dreadfully depressed condition of all the different business interests. This is mainly owing to the experience, energy and ability of the able officer who fills the position of Register. The changes in the Executive chair of the city have been so frequent within the last twelve months, that the entire responsibility of the finances of the city have devolved upon him, and they have been managed with great ability.

You will receive his report in a few days, which will furnish you a detailed statement of the financial condition of the city.

The Comptroller has faithfully contributed his quota in protecting the city from extravagance and loss. His report will furnish much interesting information.

From an examination of the Collector's report it appears that notwithstanding the embarrassed condition of affairs the collection of taxes in 1861 compares favorably with 1860. The Collector attributes this favorable result to the separation of personal from real property by Ordinance No. 9, approved April, 1861.

This measure, devised by the Comptroller, is highly approved by the Collector, his experience being that a postponed personal tax is equal to a surrender of that interest.

It is evident that the city will be compelled to rely mainly upon this department to meet its engagements the present year. It will, therefore, be our imperative duty to examine

thoroughly and bring out every interest not taxed and subject it to its portion of the expenses of the city.

The City Commissioners have not exceeded their appropriation, except in one instance—for the repair of paved streets—and then with the approval of the Mayor. They claim to have labored assiduously and to have accomplished a large amount of work in keeping the streets in good order. Their paving rates seem to be much less than has been heretofore paid, but I imagine this is owing to increased competition amongst the pavers. A greater portion of their time has been occupied in the back basin and falls, and this is really the place where their labors can be more serviceable than any other.

This basin was made for the distinct purpose of receiving the sediment which comes down Jones' Falls and Harford Run, and if kept nine feet deep, (which the ordinance requires,) as high as the first bridge on the Falls, will render immense service to the main channel in the front basin, by preventing the sediment from flowing out into that channel. This basin, being made for this purpose, presents great facilities for the collection of this sediment, and I should advise that one steam dredging machine be kept there continually.

I recommend these joint reports to you careful attention.

WATER WORKS.

This stupendous work was commenced some four years ago and steadily progressed under wise administration, and was nearly completed twelve months since, when those who originated it went out of power. Great credit is due to its projectors. The present supply is estimated to be sufficient for a population of 500,000. The principal lake is placed at the most available point for the introduction of the waters of the Gunpowder Falls when required by the increased population of the city. The desire to claim the credit of the completion of this great work is a compliment to those who originated it. The entire cost, including the property of the old works, is $3,700,

000. The property of the old works, consisting of vacant lots, si estimated to be worth $200,000, making a net cost of $3,500, 000 for the new works. The interest on this amount is $210, 000. Expenses for the past year $10,000. The revenue for the year 1861 was $180,000, leaving a deficiency of $40,000. This work, conferring such immense benefits on the city and its inhabitants, ought to be self-sustaining, and it has consequently occupied the united attention of the Board, who have produced the following rates of water rents as being best suited to that end:

A private family in a house over 22 feet front.....	$15
Over 17 and not over 22 feet.....	12
Over 14 and not over 17 feet.....	9
Under 14 feet.....	6
For each additional family (extra).....	2
For warehouses.....	10

These rates, coming from the Board, who are practically acquainted with the workings of the Department, are entitled to your strict examination.

They also suggest a rate of taxes which they term the Water and Fire Plug rate.

Lot, with buildings	over 22 feet front,	4 stories high,	$5
"	"	22 feet front and under 4 stories,	4
"	"	17 feet front and not over 22 feet,	3
"	"	14 feet front and not over 17 feet,	2
"	"	under 14 feet.....	1

The fire plug tax is imposed from the protection to property from fires by the introduction of this abundant supply of water, and seems perfectly justifiable, as the Fire Department would be to an extent useless without a full supply of water.—This tax will be abated when water is introduced into the premises.

An impression exists with some gentlemen of great experience that the present rates had better not be changed, they

appearing to give general satisfaction. In that case it will be necessary to impose the fire plug tax on the 20,000 houses not using water, which will bring in a revenue of $60,000.

I commend this report to your early attention, and I desire to impress upon your minds the necessity of making a work furnishing such important benefits to this community, self-sustaining.

The Commissioner of Health calls our attention to the sewerage system as one likely to produce very bad results in engendering disease, if not properly attended to. The sewer down Central avenue is flat bottomed, which allows the collection of stagnant water in all portions of this flat surface wherever it is depressed in the least. Any alteration in this structure at this time is impossible, but I do recommend in all cases in the construction of tunnels in future that the centre of the floor of a tunnel of this size shall be at least two feet lower than the sides, the ascent to the sides being a smooth plane, so that as the water diminishes after rains it may tend to the centre, leaving the sides to dry while the water is fresh. This rule to be observed in proportion to the size of the tunnel. A strict observance of this rule will almost, if not entirely, remove the nuisance.

I would further recommend that this sewer and others of a similar character be thoroughly examined during cold weather, and that every obstacle to the free passage of water be removed, so that rains may serve a good purpose in freeing them from pestilential matter. A plentiful supply of copperas—a cheap article—scattered over the surface and left to dissolve gradually, would serve a good purpose. The inhabitants living on the line of these structures enlist our sympathy.

Your attention is called to unpaved streets as producing another great source of disease and epidemic, and more particularly to that portion immediately north and bordering on the back basin. This locality has for a long time been a nuisance, and I think ought to be so declared, and ordered to be paved.

He also recommends the filling up of the back basin. The right to this property was granted to the city in 1814, on certain conditions, and if these conditions are further violated they may involve suits of great magnitude. This property is immensely valuable to the lumber interest, and returns the city a handsome revenue. It is entitled to much more attention than it has ever received.

I recommend the construction of a sewer from its east end directly down Caroline street into the front basin. I would also direct your attention to the condition of Harford Run below Eastern avenue. This run, in its present condition, is a nuisance, and ought to be tunnelled to the back basin.

In 1855, it was put under contract, and some of the work done, but was shortly abandoned, and is now in a very bad condition.

Your attention is called to the necessity of purchasing ground further from the city for a Potter's Field. The one now in use is inside the city limits, and can be sold for much more than it will take to purchase one further from the city.

The attention of our citizens is particularly called to the necessity of vaccination. The Vaccine Physicians are instructed to call at every house in their respective wards, and if not allowed to perform their duty, they will at least remind our citizens of their duty to themselves and families. This dreadful disease is now raging in the District of Columbia.

The Almshouse report has not as yet been received, but will be presented in a few days. The poor have, no doubt, been cared for as well as the condition of things will admit. The house is in a dilapidated condition and is too small for the number that present themselves for admission. The rooms are crowded and uncomfortable, presenting an unpleasant reflection when contrasted with the inmates of the jail. The poor man is poorly housed, whilst the criminal occupies a superb edifice.

I conceive it to be my imperative duty to call your attention to the completion of that portion of the new Almshouse now under contract at as early a period as the public interest will allow. We are paying for rent and insurance on the building now in use $12,500 yearly. We are also paying for the insane poor in Mount Hope and the Maryland Hospital $11,900 yearly, making in all $24,400. That portion of the new building under contract, and an additional wing for the accommodation of the insane poor, can be constructed for $180,000. This amount can be borrowed at 6 per cent. and paid for by the sale of 94 acres of old Almshouse land, when times improve. If the contractors are allowed to go on and complete their contracts, I am convinced that the city will save at least $10,000 every year. If the contractors are not allowed to proceed, heavy suits will be brought against the city, and must be ably defended or lost. The site purchased from Mr. Goldsborough, is, I believe, perfectly healthy, but I have always had an objection to it in consequence of its not being more elevated. This ground can be exchanged with the Canton Company for an elevated and beautiful site, commanding a fine view of the city, river and bay, and an extended view of the surrounding country. Eastern avenue, 80 feet wide, will run along the base of the hill on the south, and the Philadelphia Railroad touches it on the north. Pure water from the city works can be placed in the building for six thousand dollars, by estimate.

I have felt it my duty to give you this view of the subject, feeling assured that the result will justify the change of location.

The Report from the Marine Hospital is limited in its character, and does not present full particulars as to its wants and condition. The Comptroller informs me that the interest of the city would be materially served by employing a married man as a Steward, his wife to act in the capacity of Matron, and to board the boatmen. Your committee will examine this

institution, and recommend such improvements as they deem expedient.

I take great pleasure in calling your attention to the Report of the Commissioners of Public Schools. The perfection we have attained in this department is not surpassed by any city in the Union. The leading spirits engaged in this cause are interested heart and hand in its success, and will advise and recommend such improvements as their practical experience may deem expedient. Our attendance at their annual commencements fill us with respect and esteem for them in their self-sacrificing labors.

The House of Refuge deserves your most liberal encouragement. Its annual exhibitions call forth the most profound gratitude to its founders from every heart that has known what it is to be friendless in early life. I shall never forget the beautiful song, "Mother, watch the little feet," as sung by one of its inmates in the presence of the City Council two years since.

Our city jail is so complete in its arrangements, that it invites the most systematic management. The report of this institution deserves a careful examination. The Warden discharges his duties with zeal and ability.

I think it can be safely said that our Fire Department is unequalled in the world. A city of 250,000 inhabitants, where insurance is effected to the amount of $120,000,000, to have a loss of but $60,000 in one year, is almost incredible, and challenges a parallel. By reference to the report of the Commissioners, you will find that they are not unmindful of the necessity of economy. They ask that the erection of factories for the manufacture of certain burning fluids may be prohibited. A change from the Washington engine house to the Watchman engine house, now vacant, will be beneficial.

The management of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is able, and has produced important results. The road at present claims our united efforts to place it in a working condition at

the earliest moment. The uncertainty of time at which the road can be opened through Virginia, convinces me that it ought to be placed under contract through Washington county, Maryland, at once. The portion of road destroyed by the Rebels is that which, leaving Harper's Ferry, dips deep into Virginia for thirty-five miles, and returns again to the Maryland line at Fort Frederick.

The original survey of the road was through Washington county, from Harper's Ferry to Fort Frederick, by way of Sharpsburg and Williamsport.

To repair that portion of the road destroyed will cost $500,000. The line of road through Washington county will be thirty-five miles long, which, at eighteen thousand dollars per mile, will amount to $630,000. The Western Maryland Road costs that much per mile. Washington county is the third wheat growing county in the Union. Her wealthy farmers will give the right of way, and I believe that the General Government will also lend a helping hand.

The Western Maryland Road is progressing satisfactorily and will be completed to Union Bridge in sixty days. This road passes through a beautiful and highly cultivated portion of our State, and when completed will be immensely valuable to the business interest of our city. It has promptly met its engagements and must continue to do so as business increases with the progress of the road.

Mayor Brown has been receiving his salary regularly during the entire time of his absence from the city. It would be well to pass an ordinance preventing any officer of the Corporation receiving pay except when in the performance of his duties.

The Police Commissioners have an amount in bank from which they are now paying themselves, and it can only be prevented by the legislature. The old police seem to be confident of receiving full pay until the Police bill is repealed. If this

be the case, we are under the severe and burdensome tax of $666 daily for men long since dismissed from service.

The General Government has been paying the police of our city, but the appropriation is expended. There is $80,000 of the police levy of 1861 collected and in the hands of the Register. Would it not be well to make some legal application of this money, or a portion of it, monthly, to pay this force until a City Police is inaugurated.

I would respectfully recommend that a different plan be adopted as to the employment of legal advice. I would advise that this Department consist of two advisers, their duties to be clearly defined in the ordinance creating them. It would put a stop to the practice of employing extra counsel in almost every important case, and result in a great saving to the city treasury.

It would be idle in me to attempt to describe the natural beauties of Druid Hill Park. The power of depicting them has defied abler pens than mine. The lofty forest with its majestic trees, the secluded vale, the entangled thicket, all convince the mind that its primeval condition has been preserved by no ordinary means. We are all loud in its praises, and I feel convinced that every mind that enjoys its beauties must ask itself quietly: to whom are we indebted for this judicious selection? To know this is a great satisfaction, and is a conviction that the question will not remain unanswered.

There has been an attempt recently to induce the Legislature to incorporate a grant to certain individuals for a railroad called the Druid Hill Railroad Company, to run on the intervening space between the terminus of the City Passenger Railway and the Park entrance. The distance is three-eighths of a mile, and to subject our citizens to an additional charge for this distance would be an abuse that would not be submitted to.

There were no contracts given out under the ordinance for building a new City Hall, but there is an unsettled claim of

the architect, which it will be your province to decide. His labors were in good faith, and I trust a mutual feeling as to an amicable settlement, will prevail.

There are various departments in the city of which the city pays the expenses and the State takes the profits, and at the same time it is nobody's business to keep a supervision over them. This is certainly a very unfair state of things, and should be remedied. Would it not be better for the State to increase her tax to the amount of revenue she receives from these departments, and give the city a supervision over them, and also to allow to the city all the profits?

The insurance interest in our city is supposed to have amounted last year to one hundred and twenty millions of dollars.

The loss by fire amounted in round numbers to $60,000. This is only one-half per cent., which gives evidence of immense profits.

The annual expense of the Fire and Water Departments, together with the Police Telegraph, is very large, and this interest, deriving such immense benefits from them, ought to be subject to its portion of the taxes. If there is no law to reach this case, application should be made to the Legislature for assistance. I would recommend a stamp tax upon all policies, and that no policy be valid unless it be stamped.

The city owns from three to four hundred thousand dollars worth of vacant lots of ground. This is not good policy.

I should advise the sale of these lots at moderate prices, or the lease of them at low and permanent ground rents, thereby increasing the income of the city and the basis of taxation.

The City Passenger Railway Company appears to be exerting its best energies to meet its obligations. In 1861 it paid into the City Treasury $53,862.70.

I would like to call the attention of the Directors to the extension of their road to Druid Hill Park at an early day in the spring. This would be convenient and satisfactory to all classes.

I give you the result of an interview with John W. Randolph, Esq., President of the Board of Trustees of the McDonough Bequest:

Cash and notes handed to the Trustees by the agents in May, 1860:

Cash,	$11,589 90
Notes,	482,866 37
Notes due and unpaid,	1,271 37
April, 1861, cash,	10,000 00
	$505,727 64

The notes have the interest added on them, and fall due in 1861, '62, '63, and a small amount in 1864. The interest included is about $70,000; amount without interest, $435,000.

As the funds have been received the Trustees have purchased city stock. One hundred and twenty-three thousand seven hundred and two dollars and ninety-two cents have been invested, for which the Trustees hold certificates as follows:

In Water Stock of 1875,	$67,475 00
In City Stock of 1890,	51,400 00
In City Stock of 1886,	19,500 00

The agents still retain the sum of $14,099.75, which is deposited to their credit in the Bank of New Orleans. The agents report the following property unsold in 1860.

1,311 acres of land in the parish of Iberville.
800 acres of land in five small tracts.
1,000 acres of land in the parish of St. James.
Also a few scattering pieces of property of little value.

There is a tomb fund to be expended by the agents in conjunction with the Presidents of the First and Second Branches of the Council. It was arranged that the remains should be placed in a tomb erected on the lot purchased for the Institute, but as no one can foresee at what time the rèmaining notes will be paid, it is advised that the tomb fund, $3,767, be invested in city stock. The remains are deposited in a private vault.

Gentlemen of the City Council, we have a solemn duty to perform. Our streets are red with the blood of soldiers from Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, hastening at the call of the President to defend their property and *our* property from the spoil of the traitor's hand. True, we cannot restore the dead to life nor heal the broken hearts of the widow and the fatherless, but we can so legislate as to prove to the world that the Union men of Baltimore have an equal abhorrence of the act and the actors. The foul work was done by an infuriated mob, apparently marshalled by some of those in authority at that time. I would respectfully suggest that resolutions expressing the sense of the Councils and of the loyal people of our city be passed and forwarded to the authorities of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

Let us, one and all, unite in grateful thanks to the Almighty Ruler of events for the blessings we this day enjoy; and may the incense of grateful hearts ascend not only from chapel and closet, but from legislative halls, workshops and counting rooms; and may we all remember that

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed,
The motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast."

JOHN LEE CHAPMAN,
Ex-Officio Mayor.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, January 23rd, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a Joint Select Committee to distribute the contents of the communication from the *ex-officio* Mayor to the appropriate committees for their consideration, and name Messrs. Norris, Barron and Williams as the committee on the part of this Branch.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Robb moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Robb, Dean and Marden, as the committee on the part of this Branch.

Messrs. Cromer and Duer appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned and the members returned to their chamber.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, January 24, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Dean moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Swindell asked and obtained leave to introduce an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to reduce the salaries of officers and employees of the Corporation of Baltimore, which was read and laid on the table.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch,

Baltimore, January 24, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,

Andrew J. Bandel, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, January 27, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Select Committee appointed to distribute the various matters contained in the communication from the *Ex-Officio* Mayor, to the appropriate Committees, for their consideration, with a resolution making such distribution, and providing for the appointment of Joint Select Committees to consider so much of said communication as refers to the employment of two legal advisers or City Counsellors, and the adoption of appropriate resolutions in relation to the killing of United States troops on the 19th of April, to be sent to the authorities of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution granting permission to Henry Erbenbeck to replace, at his own expense, the lamp on the city lamp post in front of his dwelling, on Broadway, between Alice Anna and Lancaster streets, by a more costly one, and to use the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, January 27th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have appointed Messrs. Hoopes, Norris and Evans as the Committee on the part of this Branch upon the recommendation in the Mayor's message for the appointment of two Counsellors for the city.

We also inform you that we have appointed Messrs. Streeter, Williams and Mules as the Committee on the part of this Branch on the recommendation in the Mayor's message in relation to the killing of U. S. soldiers in the streets on the 19th of April, 1861.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, January 28, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

Mr. Swindell called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to reduce the salaries of officers and employees of the corporation of Baltimore," which was read.

Mr. Higgins moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "three," in the fifth line of the first section, and inserting the word "four," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance as amended,

Mr. Robb moved that the ordinance be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution distributing the various matters contained in the communication from the ex-officio Mayor, to the appropriate Committees, for their consideration, and providing for the appointment of Joint Select Committees to consider so much of said communication as refers to the employment of two legal advisers or City Counsellors, and the adoption of appropriate resolutions in relation to the killing of United States troops on the 19th of April, 1861, to be sent to the authorities of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, which was read and concurred in.

The President appointed Messrs. Dean, Marden and Miller as the Select Committee on the part of this Branch on so much of the communication from the ex-officio Mayor as refers to the employment of two legal advisers or Counsellors for the city.

The President appointed Messrs. Alricks, George and Willson as the Select Committee on the part of this Branch on so much of the communication from the ex-officio Mayor as refers to the adoption of appropriate resolutions in relation to the killing of United States troops on the 19th of April, 1861, to be sent to the authorities of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, January 29, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

A resolution directing the Comptroller to have a staff erected on the top of the old City Hall, and have the National Flag now belonging to the city hoisted thereon every day, except on Sundays and such other days as in his judgment the said flag would be liable to injury from high winds or other causes, and appropriating the sum of fifty dollars, or so much as may be necessary, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of the same, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, January 30, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of James Polk, asking permission to withdraw the papers in relation to the sale of a lot of ground known as the "Battery," which were before the City Conncil during its last session.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Clerk of this Branch be and he is hereby directed to withdraw from the files in the office of the Register of the city the papers presented to the City Council by James Polk, in relation to the sale of a portion of the ground known as Battery Square, and that the papers so withdrawn be returned to the said James Polk.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. George called up the resolution directing the Comptroller to have a staff erected on the top of the old City Hall, and have the National Flag now belonging to the city hoisted thereon every day, except on Sundays and such other days as in his judgment the said flag would be liable to injury from high winds or other causes, and appropriating the sum of fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the expenses of the same, which was read and concurred in.

Messrs. Mules and Young appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor:

On motion of Mr. Robb, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

On motion of Mr. Robb the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, January 31, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance supplementary to an oridnance entitled 'An ordinance for collecting the taxes of the city of Baltimore, for appointing a City Collector, prescribing his duties and fixing his compensation, and providing for a general account to be kept by the Comptroller with the City Collector, in relation to all taxes levied by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,' approved June 5, 1858," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Dean:

Yeas—None.

Nays—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, George, Wilson, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—10.

A resolution instructing the Visitors of the Jail immediately to dismiss Dr. James A. Stewart from the office of Physician to the Jail, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Robb moved that the resolution be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Swindell moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Coun-

cil adjourns this afternoon it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, January 31, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Marden, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 3, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Robb.

A report from a select committee of the First Branch, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide that none but loyal persons shall hereafter hold office, or be in any manner employed by the corporation of Baltimore," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water, with an ordinance entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide for an increased supply of water to the city of Baltimore,' " were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Joseph Clarkson & Son to replace a steam engine in the rear of their machine shop, No. 75 North Front street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Jacob France, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of the Patapsco Fire Company, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of R. B. Varden and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Andrew Fitzpatrick, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 4, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, February 4, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully ask the appointment of a Committee of Conference on the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance for collecting the taxes of the city of Baltimore, for appointing a City Collector, prescribing his duties and fixing his compensation, and providing for a general account to be kept by the Comptroller with the City Collector, in relation to all taxes levied by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore," approved June 5, 1858.

We also respectfully inform you that we have appointed Messrs. Hoopes, Sullivan and Williams as the committee upon the part of this Branch.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Swindell moved that this Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Swindell, Miller and George as the committee on the part of this Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, February 4, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully ask the return to this Branch, for amendment, of the ordinance entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide for an increased supply of water to the city of Baltimore.'"

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Robb moved that this Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution directing the City Commissioners to have the Liberty Road properly repaired, at its intersection with Gilmor street, and appropriating the sum of twenty-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage and foster the introduction and permanence of Steam Ferry communication between the wharf at the foot of Broadway and the wharf at the foot of Haubert street, Locust Point," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch,

Baltimore, February 4, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the reference of the accompanying memorial of Robert Turner to a Joint Select Committee, and have named upon the part of this Branch Messrs. Evans, Duer and Cromer.

By order,

Andrew J. Bandel, *Clerk.*

Mr. Miller moved that the Branch non-concur in the proposition contained in the message, and that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that the memorial be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Water, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to aid the Northwestern Virginia Railroad Company and the Union Railroad Company,' approved July 16, 1859," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Catharine Huck, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 5, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Higgins.

The President stated that the absence of Mr. Higgins was occasioned by his attendance upon the interment of the remains of his son.

Mr. Alricks presented a communication from J. Harman Brown, Esq., on the part of the Visitors of the Jail, inviting the members of the Branch to visit that institution on Monday next, the 10th February, or any other day that will suit their convenience.

Mr. George moved that the invitation be accepted, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, February 5, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully request the appointment of a Joint Committee of Conference on the question of reference of the petition of Robert Turner, and name on the part of this Branch Messrs. Evans, Duer and Cromer.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Robb moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Robb, Miller and Willson as the committee on the part of this Branch.

Mr. Miller called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to aid the Northwestern Virginia Railroad Company and the Union Railroad Company,' approved July 16th, 1859," which was read and passed.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Zack. Mitchell to close the back part of a one story shed, used for cooking purposes, situated on Montgomery street, east of William street, providing it shall be removed within thirty-days after receiving notice from the Mayor to that effect, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water, with an ordinance entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide for an increased supply of water to the city of Baltimore,'" were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of William G. Webber, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage and foster the introduction and permanence of Steam Ferry communication between the wharf at the foot of Broadway and the wharf at the foot of Haubert street, Locust Point," which was read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 6, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Messrs. Lamden and Young appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

Mr. Dean called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for the appointment of a keeper of refuse material belonging to the corporation,' approved April 8th, 1861," which was read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, February 7, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Marden moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of Henry C. Wysham, on behalf of Prince Sheppard and William Brown, praying the repayment of certain fines imposed upon them by Charles D. Hiss, a Justice of the Peace, for an alleged violation of the ordinance regulating the riding and driving of horses and carriages, (which were paid by them under a threat and protest, and subsequently remitted by the late acting Mayor, which remittance the Justice refused to recognize and acknowlege,) which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

A report from the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon such amendments as are necessary to be made to the Maryland Code of Public Local Laws, so far as relates to the city of Baltimore, accompanied by a number of bills, with a resolution providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee, consisting of two from each Branch, to proceed to Annapolis to urge the passage by the Legislature of the various amendments to the New Code relating to the city of Baltimore, as reported by the committee appointed for that purpose, and agreed to by the two Branches of the City Council, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Miller moved that the several bills be printed on the Journal of the Branch, which was determined in the affirmative.

An Act to amend the fourth article of the Code of Public Local Laws relating to the City of Baltimore, by imposing penalties for polluting the Water in Swann Lake, the dam, reservoirs, line of conduit, water-pipes, gate-house or other works constructed or used in supplying the city of Baltimore with water, or injuring, defacing or destroying the same.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that should any person or persons willfully pollute the water in the Lake caused by the erection of the dam across Jones' Falls at or near the Relay House on the Northern Central Railway, and designated by a resolution adopted by the Board of Water Commissioners, September 10th, 1860,

"Swann Lake," the dam, reservoirs, line of conduit, water-pipes, gate-house, or other works constructed or used in supplying the city of Baltimore with water, by swimming, bathing or washing themselves therein, or by washing or causing to be washed any clothes, the skin of any dead animal or other impure thing, fetid or noxious animal or vegetable substance in "Swann Lake," the dam, reservoirs, line of conduit, water pipes, gate-house or other works constructed or used in supplying the city of Baltimore with water, or so near as to pollute the water therein, or who shall throw or cause to be thrown any dead animal or any impure, fetid or noxious animal or vegetable substance in "Swann Lake," the dam, reservoirs, line of conduit, water-pipes, gate-house or other works, or so near as to pollute the water therein, constructed or used in supplying the city of Baltimore with water; the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, that should any person or persons erect or cause to be erected any privy, hog pen, or other thing, over or so near "Swann Lake," the dam, or any reservoir, as to pollute the water therein, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, and the further sum of ten dollars for each and every day the same shall remain after notice to remove the same shall have been served.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, that should any person or persons injure or cause to be injured, defaced or destroyed, any dam, reservoir, line of conduit, water-pipe, gate-house, stop-cock or other thing used in supplying the city of Baltimore with water, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each offence.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, that all fines and forfeitures imposed by this act shall be recoverable by warrant before any Justice of the Peace in and for the city of Baltimore, or in and for Baltimore County, one-half to the informer and the other half to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, that this act shall not be construed to exempt any person or persons who may have been fined for a violation thereof, or who may be charged with a violation thereof from an action of damages for any injury or

destruction of any part of the works used in supplying the city of Baltimore with water, in any suit brought by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, that this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

See Act of Assembly of 1808, chap. 79, section 13, and Act of 1843, chap. 29, section 3.

An Act to repeal sections 34, 35, 37, 39, 58 and 61 of the 4th article of the Code of Public Local Laws, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Whereas, by the sale and division of the property of the Baltimore City and County Alms House, and the joint ownership and management having ceased, it becomes necessary to provide for the management of the same by Trustees appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; and whereas, some of the provisions of the Code of Public Local Laws are unjust, degrading and tyranical in their character, and had long since become obsolete from non-usuage, are again revived and made of full power by the Code, therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That sections 34, 35, 37, 39, 58 and 61 of article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

Section 34. And be it enacted, That there shall annually be appointed, five Trustees of the Poor of Baltimore City, by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as other city officers are appointed, who shall be residents of the City of Baltimore, and all vacancies that may occur shall be fiilled by appointment to be made in the same manner.

Sec. 35. And be it enacted, That the Trustees so appointed, and their successors, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of "The Trustees

for the Poor of Baltimore City," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, and to purchase, hold or sell, convey and deliver all kinds of lands, tenements, estates, property and effects, real, personal and mixed.

Sec. 37. And be it enacted, That each Trustee, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, before some Judge or Justice of the Peace, take and subscribe an oath that he will diligently and faithfully execute the duties and trusts, and exercise the powers committed to and vested in him as Trustee for the Poor of Baltimore City, according to the best of his skill and judgement.

Sec. 39. And be it enacted, That when the said Trustees or a majority of them shall have taken and subscribed the said oath, they shall be qualified and competent to perform all the duties of Trustees.

Sec. 58. And be it enacted, That upon complaint made by any one Trustee, or by the Overseer, to any Justice of the Peace for the City of Baltimore, and due proof made that any pauper in said Alms House has behaved in a disorderly manner, or has neglected to obey and keep any of the ordinances, rules and by-laws of the said corporation, the said Justice or the said Trustees may order and direct such moderate and proper correction for any one offence, as the nature of the case may require.

Sec. 61. And be it enacted, That when deemed necessary, the Trustees may require such badge as they may select, to be worn in an open and visible manner on the arm or shoulder of any inmate of the Alms House, and if any inmate shall neglect or refuse to wear such badge, he or she shall be subject to such moderate and proper punishment as the Trustees may see proper to inflict.

Sec. — And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

An act to amend the fourth article of the Code of Public Local Laws, by adding thereto the following sections, empowering the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to levy an additional license tax on all persons or bodies politic, engaged in selling or vending spiritous or fermented liquors or lager beer in the City of Baltimore, to aid said city in paving her streets and supporting the Baltimore City Jail.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect an additional license tax of twelve dollars on all persons or bodies politic engaged in selling or vending spiritous or fermented liquors or lager beer in the City of Baltimore, in quantities less than a pint, the amount of said tax to be applied to the paving of the streets, lanes and alleys in said city.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorized and empowerd to levy and collect an additional license tax of four dollars and fifty cents on all persons or bodies politic engaged in selling or vending spiritous or fermented liquors or lager beer in the City of Baltimore, in quantities not less than a pint, the amount of said tax to be applied to the support of the Baltimore City Jail.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

See Acts of Assembly of 1782, chap. 27, section 1, and Act of 1827, chap. 117, section 2.

A Bill entitled An Act to enlarge the powers of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in regard to Water, by incorporating certain additional sections in article four of the Code of Public Local Laws.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the following be enacted and incorporated as an additional section into article four of the Code of Public Laws under the title Water ———————— of Baltimore.

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may pass such ordinances as they deem expedient for the purpose of supplying

Druid Hill Park with water from any spring, brook, water or water course, heretofore obtained, by either purchase or condemnation, and for that purpose shall have all the powers granted to them by the articles of the Code aforesaid, under the title Water: and the said Mayor and City Council, if they should deem it expedient, are hereby authorized to supply parties outside of the limits of the said city with water as though they were residents thereof, from any present source of supply now belonging to the said Mayor and City Council, or which they may establish in the introduction of water into the Druid Hill Park aforesaid.

An Act to amend the thirty-eighth article of the Code of Public General Laws, by adding a section thereto relating to the fees of officers which amount to over three thousand dollars per annum.

Whereas, by the tenth article of the State Constitution, every officer of the State, except the Governor, whose pay or fees of office exceed three thousand dollars in the year, is directed to pay the excess by him received to the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, which surplus is subject to such disposition as the General Assembly may deem just and equitable, therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the State, be and he is hereby directed, during the month of December in each and every year, to return to the Commissioners of each County, and to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, all surplus fees received during the year from the officers of the Courts or others, of the respective counties and the City of Baltimore.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the day of its passage.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, February 7, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday evening next at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned untilMonday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 10, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The President laid before the Branch a communication from N. G. Gerney, chairman of the committee of arrangements, inviting the members of the Branch to attend the Grand National Military and Masquerade Ball, at the Maryland Institute, on Monday evening, February 24th, 1862.

Mr. Dean moved that the invitation be accepted, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dean asked and obtained leave to introduce an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the keeping and sale of refuse materials, being a supplement to ordinance No. 9 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858," which was read and laid on the table.

A communication from Charles M. Keyser, Esq., President of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge, inviting the members of the City Council to visit that institution on Thursday next, the 13th instant, was received from the First Branch.

Mr. Willson moved that the invitation be accepted, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch,

Baltimore, February 7, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have appointed Messrs. Duer and Norris as the committee on the part of this Branch to proceed to Annapolis with the bills prepared for the action of the General Assembly of Maryland.

By order,

Andrew J. Bandel, *Clerk.*

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject of a re-assessment of property in the city of Baltimore, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 11, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The President presented the memorial of the Managers of the Aged Women's Home, praying that the usual annual appropriation of five hundred dollars may be continued to that institution during the present year, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means.

A resolution requesting the General Assembly of Maryland to pass an act providing for a new general valuation and assessment of the taxable property throughout the State, including the city of Baltimore, and requesting the Mayor to cause a copy of the resolution to be sent to the Senator and Delegates from the city of Baltimore in the General Assembly, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the preamble to the resolution by striking out the words "to the almost scott-free taxation of others," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended,

Mr. Robb moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on concurring in the resolution as amended, when it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee, consisting of two from each Branch, to proceed to Annapolis to urge the passage by the Legislature of the various amendments to the New Code relating to the city of Baltimore, as reported by the committee appointed for that purpose, and agreed to by the two Branches of the City Council, which was read.

Mr. Miller moved that the bills accompanying the resolution be agreed to with the following amendments: That the words "Swann Lake," where occurring in the first bill, be stricken out and the words "Lake Roland" inserted; and that the words "some Judge or Justice of the Peace," in the second bill, be stricken out and the words "the Mayor" inserted in lieu thereof, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb offered the following resolution, which was read:

Whereas, an equitable distribution of the expenses of government requires and demands that all persons should be chargeable with taxes in proportion to their respective interests, and that there should not be an exemption from taxation in favor of the few to the prejudice of the great mass of the taxpayers; and whereas, a large amount of personal property in the city of Baltimore obtains an exemption from taxation by citizens who claim to be non residents, who are only absent from the city a few months during the summer season; therefore be it

Resolved by the First and Second Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Joint Select Committee appointed to memorialize the General Assembly of Maryland for the adoption of certain amendments to the New Code relating to the city of Baltimore, be and they are hereby requested to urge upon the General Assembly the passage of the following Act:

An Act to empower the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to levy and collect taxes on all property within the corporate limits of the city of Baltimore, which is not otherwise specially exempted from taxation.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be and they are hereby empowered to levy taxes upon every description of property found within the corporate limits of said city, which they are now authorized by law to levy, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the municipal government, and that no property found within the corporate limits shall be exempted from taxation in consequence of the owners thereof residing without the limits of said corporation; provided, nevertheless, that no authority is given by this act to impose taxes upon any property which is now or may hereafter be exempted from taxation by any special act of the General Assembly of Maryland.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, that this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

The President appointed Messrs. Robb and George as the committee on the part of this Branch to urge the passage, by the General Assembly of Maryland, of the various amendments to the Maryland Code of Public Local Laws relating to the city of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 12, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution appropriating the sum of three hundred dollars for certain repairs at the Jail, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the words: "That the Register of the city be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the order of the Visitors of the Jail the sum of three hundred dollars to defray the expenses of certain repairs on the Jail building, the work to be done under the superintendence of the Warden, the amount to be provided for in the annual levy for the payment of certain expenses of the Courts, Jail, &c. for the year 1862," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended. it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 13, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

Mr. Dean called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the keeping and sale of refuse materials, being a supplement to ordinance No. 9 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858," which was read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, February 14, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Messrs. Lamden and Duer appeared as a committee, and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention, on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned,and the members returned to their chamber.

Mr. Dean moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petitions of A. Weiskittle and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Charles Myers, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Higgins presented the petition of Mary Taylor, praying an investigation in reference to damage to her property, occasioned by the overflow of Chatsworth run, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Highways.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, February 14, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Marden, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 17, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. George and Robb.

The absence of Messrs. George and Robb was occasioned by their being engaged at Annapolis on the committee to memorialize the General Assembly in reference to the passage of certain acts relating to the interests of the city of Baltimore.

A communication from Nathaniel H. Thayer, Principal of the Eastern Female High School, inviting the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education, and through them the members of the two Branches of the City Council, to visit the school on Friday next, the 21st instant, at 11 o'clock, A.M. was received from the First Branch.

Mr. Alricks moved that the invitation be accepted, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject of appropriating money to defray the expenses of the police force established in the city of Baltimore by the United States government, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to Trustees of the Almshouse and Visitors of the Jail," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Swindell the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 18, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. George and Robb.

The absence of Messrs. George and Robb was occasioned by their being engaged at Annapolis on the committee to memorialize the General Assembly in reference to the passage of certain acts relating to the interests of the city of Baltimore.

The President presented the memorial of the Board of Managers of the Children's Aid Society of the city of Baltimore, praying an appropriation of one thousand dollars to assist in furthering the objects of the society for the present year, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Almshouse.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject of laying gas mains along the bed of Boulden alley, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of John Furlong and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following ordinance was received from the First Branch and read:

An Ordinance to provide for the payment of the arrears due to the Police Force now in the service of the United States, in the city of Baltimore, agreeably to Act of Assembly, passed February 14th, 1862.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Register be and he is hereby instructed to pay to Geo. R. Dodge, Esq., Provost Marshal, for the payment of arrears of wages due to the officers and policemen serving under him, the sum of $17,162.01, being the amount due them on the 8th day of January, 1862; and the further sum of $16,728.52 being the amount due on the 5th February, as per statement of the Provost Marshal; said sums to be taken out of the monies heretofore levied and paid into the city Treasury upon the requisition of the Board of Police Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

Mr. Miller moved that the papers accompanying the ordinance be printed on the Journal of the Branch, which was determined in the affirmative.

Baltimore, February 15, 1862.

To the Honorable the Mayor and

City Council of Baltimore:

By an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the present session, the Mayor and City Council are authorized and directed to pay over to the "Provost Marshal" now controlling the Police force of Baltimore, a sufficient sum of money to pay such force for Police service from the 12th day of December, 1861, to the 8th day of January, 1862, inclusive.

For the purpose of carrying the provisions of the Act referred to into effect, I hereby transmit to you a statement in detail of the sums due the Police force to the above date, in the hope that the amount required may be provided and paid over as early as possible. A certified copy of the Act prescribing our respective duties in the premises, is herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

GEORGE R. DODGE,
Provost Marshal.

PAY ROLL FOR 28 DAYS.

Commencing 12th December, 1861, ending 8th January, 1862, inclusive.

Police Force.	Full amount.	10 per ct. off.	Net amount.	
Eastern District	4,198 73	419 88	3,778 85	
Middle do	6,045 78	604 58	5,441 20	
Western do	4,187 25	418 72	3,768 53	
Southern do	4,108 75	410 87	3,697 88	
	18,540 51	1,854 05	16,686 46	16,686 46
Police & Fire Alarm Telegraph	176 40	17 64	158 76	
Deputy Provost Marshal	115 38	11 54	103 84	
Assistant Deputy Provost Marshal	76 92	7 69	69 23	
Clerk to Provost Marshal	61 54	6 15	55 39	
	430 24	43 02	387 22	387 22
Four Police Magistrates at $8 each			32 00	
Miscellaneous			56 33	88 33
				$17,162 01

Baltimore, January 8, 1862. [Duplicate.]

An Act to repeal so much of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, as authorizes the persons named in section 807, to disburse the funds therein provided, and to provide for the payment of the Police Force now in the service of the United States, in the city of Baltimore.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to pay to the Provost Marshal of the United States, in the city of Baltimore, a sum of money sufficient to pay and discharge all arrears of wages or salary now due to the officers and policemen now serving as the Police force under the said Provost Marshal, the said payment to be made out of any monies in the hands of the said Mayor and City Council, or other officer of the city of Baltimore, and which, by the provisions of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, are now subject to the order or appropriation of the Board of Police, created by the said Article.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, that the power and authority of the Commissioners of Police named in the aforesaid Article, to appropriate or apply any monies, raised or proposed to be raised, under the provisions of the aforesaid Article, and which would, by virtue thereof, be subject to the control of said Commissioners, be and the same is hereby revoked and annulled; and that so much of Article 4 as authorizes and requires the four persons named in section 807 of said Article, to use, draw for or disburse any of the funds provided under said Article by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to or for any purpose, be and the same is hereby repealed.

We certify that the above is a true copy of the Act as passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, February 14th, 1862.

T. Snowden Thomas,
Ch'f Cl'k H. of D., Md.

C. Harwood,
Secretary Senate.

Baltimore, February 15th, 1862.

To the Honorable the Mayor and

City Council of Baltimore:

By an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the present session, the Mayor and City Council are authorized and directed to pay over to the "Provost Marshal" now controlling the police force of Baltimore, a sufficient sum of money to pay such force for police service from the 9th day of January to the 5th day of February, 1862, inclusive.

For the purpose of carrying the provisions of the Act referred to into effect, I hereby transmit to you a statement in detail of the sums due the police force to the above date, in the hope that the amount required may be provided and paid over as early as possible.

Very respectfully,

Your obed't serv't,

GEORGE R. DODGE,
Provost Marshal.

PAY ROLL FOR 28 DAYS.

Commencing 9th January and ending 5th February, 1862, inclusive.

Police Force.	Full amount.	10 per ct. off.	Net amount.	
Eastern District	4,178 78	417 88	3,760 90	
Middle do	6,028 65	602 87	5,425 78	
Western do	4,021 51	402 15	3,619 36	
Southern do	4,020 19	402 01	3,618 18	
	18,249 13	1,824 91	16,424 22	16,424 22
Police & Fire Alarm Telegraph, 2 days, 9th and 10th January	12 60	1 26	11 34	
Deputy Provost Marshal	115 38	11 54	103 84	
Assistant Deputy Provost Marshal	76 92	7 69	69 23	
Clerk to Provost Marshal	61 54	6 15	55 39	
	266 44	26 64	239 80	239 80
Four Police Magistrates at $8 each			32 00	
Miscellaneous			32 50	64 50
				$16,728 52

Baltimore, February 5th, 1862. [Duplicate.]

Mr. Swindell called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to Trustees of the Almshouse and Visitors of the Jail," which was read and passed.

Mr. Dean called up the resolution discharging the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means from the further consideration of the subject of a new assessment of property in the city of Baltimore, which was read and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 19, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Alricks, from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report and an accompanying ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to reduce the salaries of all officers and employees of the corporation of Baltimore city," which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred an ordinance to reduce the salaries of all officers and employees of the corporation of Baltimore, have had the same under consideration, and after a careful examination of the subject, and in view of the necessities of the city and the great depression of business, respectfully offer the accompanying ordinance.

F. W. ALRICKS,
JAMES B. GEORGE, Sr.,
DECATUR H. MILLER,
Second Branch.

JOHN DUKEHART,
P. G. SAUERWEIN,
C. SIDNEY NORRIS,
First Branch.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

Messrs. Lamden and Cromer appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 20, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present– CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

Mr. Higgins presented the following communication from the President of the Board of Trustees of the Poor, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Almshouse:

Baltimore, February 19, 1862.

To the President and Members of the
Second Branch City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

Inasmuch as the matter of a selection of a site and the construction thereon of buildings for the accommodation of the poor of Baltimore city, has already engaged your attention, I have been directed by the Board of Trustees of the Poor to say that they will be gratified to accompany you in an examination of the present Almshouse buildings, and to furnish you with such information in connection with the requisite accommodations for the poor as may be deemed important to you in consideration of the subject.

In the same connection the Trustees, in their recent annual report, took the liberty of calling your attention to the Calverton lands, now owned by the city, as one of the places on which buildings might be erected for the purpose of an Almshouse Institution.

If it should be your pleasure to visit the places indicated, the Board will be much pleased to conduct you to the premises on the morning of Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 9 o'clock, if that time will comport with your convenience.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

JOSHUA VANSANT,
President.

A report from a Select Committee of the First Branch, with a resolution requesting the Mayor to make proper arrangements for the patriotic celebration of the 22d of February, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, February 21, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

Mr. Swindell moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Duvall & Iglehart, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution authorizing and directing the Comptroller to have erected at the Eastern, Middle and Southern Station houses,

a one story brick building at each place, of the dimensions of 12 by 16 feet; and at the Western Station house, a one story brick building of the dimensions of nine feet by twelve feet, with such openings as in his judgment may necessary for the temporary keeping of unrecognized dead bodies, and appropriating the sum of five hundred and seventy dollars for paying for the same, to be provided for in the annual levy of 1862, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A communication from the ex-officio Mayor, inviting the members of the City Council to meet at the Mayor's office, on the morning of the 22d February, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of proceeding in a body to the Maryland Institute to celebrate the anniversary of Washington's Birthday, was received from the First Branch.

Mr. Robb moved that the invitation be accepted, which was determined in the affirmative.

Messrs. Dukehart and Duer appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation was accepted and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Almshouse, with a resolution accepting the invitation of the Trustees of the Poor, to visit the Almshouse on Wednesday, the 26th of February, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, February 21, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, February 24, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Higgins, from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Mary Taylor, for compensation for damages sustained to her property by the overflow of water

in Chatsworth run, have considered the same, and believing that the reference of the petition was a wrong one, beg leave to respectfully submit the following resolution:

THOS. H. MULES,
JOHN EVANS,
SAMUEL DUER.
First Branch.

ASA HIGGINS,
JOSEPH ROBB,
JESSE MARDEN.
Second Branch.

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the petition be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Swindell called up the resolution authorizing and directing the Comptroller to have erected at the Eastern, Middle and Southern Station Houses, a one story brick building at each place, of the dimensions of twelve feet by sixteen feet; and at the Western Station House, a one story brick building of the dimensions of nine feet by twelve feet, with such openings as in his judgment may be necessary for the temporary keeping of unrecognized dead bodies, and appropriating the sum of five hundred and seventy dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose; the amount to be provided for in the annual levy for 1862, which was read.

Pending the consideration of the resolution,

Messrs. Duer and Evans appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

Mr. Miller moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation to meet the First Branch in convention was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

Mr. Miller moved that the Branch resume the consideration of the resolution in relation to the erection of dead houses at the several station houses, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the words "that the Comptroller, be and he is hereby authorized to have erected at the Middle Station House, a one story brick building, of the dimensions of twelve by sixteen feet, with such openings as may be, in his judgment, necessary for the temporary keeping of unrecognized bodies, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, the amount to be provided for in the annual levy for 1862," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, February 25, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution directing the Keeper of the Eastern Spring to have the trees in the lot around said spring trimmed

and the fence repaired, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution tendering the thanks of the Mayor and City Council to Charles M. Keyser, Esq., President of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge, for furnishing the Band of that institution on the occasion of the National demonstration on the anniversary of the birth-day of Washington, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The First Branch returned the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the keeping and sale of refuse materials, being a supplement to ordinance No. 9 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858," endorsed "will pass with proposed amendments."

Amendments proposed:

1. Strike out in the sixth line of the first section the words "Water Engineer."

2. Strike out in the second and third lines of the second section the words "Water Engineer."

3. Add the word "they" after the word "Comptroller", at the end of the seventh line of the second section.

4. Add the following as the third section:

Section 3. And be it enacted and ordained, that the Water Engineer shall dispose of all useless material he may have on hand and pay the amount received to the Comptroller.

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposed amendments, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, February 26, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

A resolution instructing the Register to pay George R. Dodge, Esq., Provost Marshal, the amount due the police force on the last two last payments made them, owing to the ten per cent which was deducted from their pay, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, February 27, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, February 27, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that we have concurred in your proposed amendment to the resolution providing for the erection of a dead house, and propose, with your concurrence, to amend the amendment by inserting after the word "unrecognized" in the fifth line, the words "and unclaimed."

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Miller moved that the Branch concur in the proposed amendment of the First Branch, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution referring the subject of laying gas mains along the beds of Central avenue and McHenry street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject of placing stepping stones across Pratt street, where it intersects with Eden street, were received rom the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, February 28, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch, and laid on the table:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, February 28, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully and earnestly request you to consider and take definite action, at the earliest practicable time, on the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide that none but loyal persons shall hereafter hold office, or be in any manner employed by the corporation of Baltimore."

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Swindell offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and directed to remove the dirt from the bed of Hughes street, now obstructing said street, and that they be authorized to draw upon the Comptroller for one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, the amount to be provided for in the annual levy for 1862.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. Marden moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb moved that the vote by which the resolution, in relation to the removal of dirt from the bed of Hughes street, was adopted, be reconsidered, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved that the resolution be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, which was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution authorizing and directing the City Auditor to hand over and transfer all the books, papers and vouchers, and all other matters relating to the collection of back taxes, now in his office, to the City Collector, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Messrs. Lamden and Duer appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation was accepted and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch,
Baltimore, February 28th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at 5 o'clock.

By order
Andrew J. Bandel, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, March 3, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide that none but loyal persons shall hereafter hold office, or be in any manner employed by the corporation of Baltimore," which was read.

Mr. Miller moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be indefinitely postponed, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. George:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Willson, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—9.
Nay—Mr. George—1.

Messrs. Lamden and Evans appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the invitation was accepted and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

The First Branch returned the resolution discharging the Joint Standing Committee on Highways from the further consideration of the petition of Mary Taylor, endorsed "concurred in."

A report from the Joint Select Committee on the City Commissioners' and Port Wardens' accounts, stating that the transactions of that department have been examined and found correct, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution authorizing and directing the Comptroller to procure a National flag of sufficient dimensions to answer for the building occupied as the Mayor's office, and appropriating the sum of forty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay for the same; the amount to be provided for in the annual levy for 1862, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, March 4, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The President presented complimentary tickets to the members of the Branch from the Northern Central Railway Company, received through Charles George Ridgley, Esq., a director on the part of the city.

Mr. Miller moved that the tickets be accepted and the thanks of the Branch be tendered to the authorities of the Northern Central Railway Company, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petitions of Raymond & Burton and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution referring the subject of laying gas mains along the beds of Forrest street from Monument to Eager street; Exeter street from Canton avenue to Alice Anna street, and Albemarle street from Canton avenue to Alice Anna street, to the City Comptroller, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject of the establishment of a Fire Insurance Company by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Messrs. Streeter and Sullivan appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation was accepted and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

Mr. George offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Highways:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed to have a sewer opened into Central avenue, (through the alley

south of Mulligan street) leading from Central avenue to Lewis street, the expense of the same to be provided for in the annual levy for 1862.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, March 5, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—All the members, except Charles J. Baker, Esq., President.

On motion of Mr. Miller, FRANCIS W. ALRICKS, Esq., was appointed President *pro tem.*

Mr. Higgins, from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on Highways, have examined Greet Hughes street, in the vicinity of Federal Hill, and find the street very much encumbered with the ground now in the street. Upon making inquiries into the cause, the committee were told that it was the ground from the hill excavated for the convenience of building the batteries and fortifications on said hill, and in our opinion the ground should be removed

from the street to a uniform width of at least 25 feet from the Northern curbstone.

ASA HIGGINS,
JOSEPH ROBB,
JESSE MARDEN.

Second Branch.

THOS. H. MULES,
JOHN EVANS,
SAMUEL DUER.

First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and directed to remove the dirt from the bed of Hughes street now obstructing said street, and that they be authorized to draw upon the Comptroller for one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, the amount to be provided for in the annual levy for 1862.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. Miller, from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petitions of Walter L. Johnson, William Brown and Prince Sheppard, praying that certain fines imposed upon them, (which were subsequently remitted by the Mayor, but which the Justice of the Peace, Charles D. Hiss, refused to

return to the petitioners,) may be refunded to them, have considered the subject and submit the following resolution :

DECATUR H. MILLER,
JAS. B. GEORGE, Sr.
JOSEPH ROBB.
Second Branch.

D. H. HOOPES,
S. F. STREETER,
WM. SULLIVAN,
First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Walter L Johnson, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, and to William Brown and Prince Sheppard, the sum of ten dollars each, being respectively the one half of certain fines imposed upon them by Charles D. Hiss, a Justice of the Peace ; which said several sums have been remitted by the Mayor of the City, the same to be provided for in the annual levy of 1862.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject of a change in the tariff of rates for the landing of wood and lumber on the city wharves, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution granting permission to the "General Workingmen's Sick Relief Union of Baltimore," to erect a fancy lamp at their own expense, opposite their place of meeting, called Mechanic's Hall, No. 152 West Fayette street, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 6, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members except Mr. Willson.

The President laid before the Branch a communication from Thomas D. Baird, Principal of the Central High School, inviting the members of the Branch to visit that School on Friday next, the 7th instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Dean moved that the invitation be accepted, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution referring the petition of John Leakin and others, asking that a gas lamp may be placed on Preston street; the petition of Jacob Scheidt and others, asking an additional lamp in Haw street; the resolution authorizing the placing of a gas lamp in front of St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Bond street, and the resolution authorizing the placing of two gas lamps in the Cross street market house, to the City Commissioners, were received from the First Branch and read

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution referring the resolution directing the laying of gas mains along the bed of Madison street, from Calvert to Buren street; the resolution directing the Comptroller to lay gas mains along the bed of Hamburg street, from William to Johnson streets; and the petition of J. Carter Mohony and others, for a gas pipe along Chester street, connecting with the gas pipe on Pratt street, &c., to the City Comptroller, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution requesting the Representatives from the City of Baltimore in the General Assembly of Maryland, to urge the passage of the bill now before that body, relating to the grading of Northern Avenue, with a view to the final settlement thereof, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Marden, from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the resolution instructing the City Commissioners to open a sewer into Harford run, from the ten foot alley between Central avenue and Lewis street, report favourably on said resolution, and recommend that it be adopted.

ASA HIGGINS,
JOSEPH ROBB,
JESSE MARDEN,
Second Branch.

JOHN EVANS,
SAMUEL DUER.
First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed to have a sewer opened into Central avenue, (through the alley south of Mulligan street,) leading from Central avenue to Lewis street, the expense of the same to be provided for in the annual levy for 1862.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, March 7, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the appointment of Commissioners for deepening and improving the channel in the Chesapeake bay and Patapsco river," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for pumps in the City of Baltimore,' " approved May 12th, 1859, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Alricks moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, March 7, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you, that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o clock.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, March 10, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Messrs. Duer and Young appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation was accepted and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, March 11, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Doretha Gist, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution referring the petition of James W. Isaac, in relation to the refunding of taxes and costs paid in error, to the Appeal Tax Court, and authorizing the Register to pay the petitioner such sum as the Appeal Tax Court shall certify to be due, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution referring the petition of John W. Maxwell & Co., to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance for placing spouts to awnings," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Miller moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution granting permission to William Westerman, to sink a well and place a pump before his premises, on the south-east corner of Alice Anna and Wolf streets, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution authorizing the Comptroller to obtain certified copies of each of the acts passed at the special and regular sessions of the General Assembly, relating to the city of Baltimore, and to furnish the City Council with the same as early as convenient, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolutionwas read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Miller called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance for placing spouts to awnings."

Mr. Miller moved to amend the ordinance, by striking out all after the word "sidewalks," in the fourth line, to the word "be," in the eighth line of the first section, and inserting the words "not extending over the curb," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, March 12, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The First Branch returned the resolution in favor of Walter L. Johnson, William Brown and Prince Sheppard, endorsed "concurred in."

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to authorize the construction of a new railroad track on Howard street," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Swindell called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the appointment of Commissioners for deepening and improving the channel in the Chesapeake bay and Patapsco river," which was read.

Mr. Miller moved that the ordinance be laid on the table which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 13, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, March 14, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Dean presented the petition of Samuel Ayres, asking permission to extend a sign from his property on Block street a few feet further than is allowed by existing laws, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail.

The First Branch returned the resolution in relation to the construction of a sewer leading from Central avenue, in the vicinity of Mullikin street, endorsed "concurred in with proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed :

Substitute the following in lieu of the original resolution :

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby instructed to have a sewer opened into Central avenue, through the alley south of Mullikin street, leading from Central avenue to Lewis street, and they be authorized to draw upon the Register for the amount of two hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the same, the amount to be provided for in the levy of 1862.

Mr. Marden moved that the Branch concur in the proposed amendment, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to James Jervis to erect and use a steam engine on his premises No. 70 Washington street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Miller moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to ordinance No. 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, to appoint a Water Board, and to provide for an increased supply of Water, &c." were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Alricks moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. George called up the resolution granting permission to James Jervis to erect and use a steam engine on his premises No. 70 Washington street, which was concurred in.

A report from the Joint Select Committee on the accounts of the Commissioners of the Fire Department, stating that the duty devolved upon them has been performed, the accounts found correct—the expenditures being sustained by proper vouchers, and the books and accounts admirably kept, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by speecial order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution authorizing and directing the Register to pay William T. Marshall the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full for his services as architect, and for money expended by him in making the detail drawings and estimates under the ordinance providing for the erection of a new City Hall, and in full for all other services rendered by him in any way in connection with the said contemplated Hall; provided, that before any payment is made, the said William T. Marshall shall deliver to the Mayor, all the detail drawings and estimates for the said City Hall—the amount hereby appropriated to be provided for in the levy of 1862, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, March 14, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon next at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, March 17, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Dean presented the petition of John Ahern, asking to be refunded a sum of money paid by him for certain lots of ground on Northern avenue, sold by the City Collector in 1858, with interest thereon from date of payment, cost of preparing papers, &c., which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

Mr. Miller presented the following petition, which was ordered to be printed on the Journal :

Baltimore, March 17th, 1862.

To the Honorable the Mayor and
City Council of Baltimore:

GENTLEMEN :

The undersigned, owners of property adjacent to and bounding on Mount Vernon and Washington Squares, beg leave respectfully to invite the attention of your honorable body to the present condition of these improvements and the necessity of an appropriation at this time for repairing and painting the railings which surround the said squares, and also the Monument; also for repairing the tree boxes and grasses; also for repairs to the gutters inside the enclosure, now in some places undermining the copings upon which the railings are placed.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't servants,

J. H. Stickney,	C. A. Gambrill,
Charles Carroll,	Geo. N. Eaton,
J. Pennington,	A. Schumacher,
Wm. J. Albert,	Wm. W. Taylor,
S. F. Streeter,	Robert McKim,
Wm. Y. De Ford,	James Hooper, Jr.
Henry S. Garrett,	Thos. H. Morris,
Enoch Pratt,	Geo. Tiffany,
Sam'l V. George,	Jos. Wilkins,

Jno. S. Gittings.

Messrs. Dukehart and Lamden appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation was accepted and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby requested to ascertain and report to this Branch what sum of money will be required to make the necessary repairs asked for in the petition of Messrs. A. Schumacher, Enoch Pratt and others, of the property known as Mount Vernon and Washington Squares, viz:

For repairs to and painting of the iron railings;
For repairs to gutters inside of the enclosures;
For pruning and replacing of trees;
For repairing and replacing of tree boxes;
For top-dressing, manures and cleaning grasses.

Resolved, also, that the said Commissioners be requested to state what sum per annum will be necessary, after present repairs are made, to preserve and keep these improvements in good order.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to C. F. Munder & Brother to erect and use a steam engine on their premises, No. 27 South Liberty street, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, with a resolution referring the petition of Henry Travers, relative to a renewal of lease of certain wharf property, and a reduction of the yearly rent of the same, to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, and discharging the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor from the further consideration of the subject, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution providing for the appointment of a Committee consisting of the Mayor Ex-Officio, the Presidents of the two Branches of the City Council, and two members of each Branch, to visit the Secretary of the Treasury in Washington, and to urge, earnestly, the resumption of work on the new court house lot on Fayette street, at least to the extent required in using the bricks now occupying, much to the public detriment and inconvenience, and at times personal danger, a part of the much frequented highway of Fayette street, and urging the committee to perform the duty assigned them at the earliest practicable moment, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to ordinance No. 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, to appoint a Water Board, and to provide for an increased supply of water, &c." which was read.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the ordinance, by striking out from the commencement of the seventh line to the end of the fourteenth line of the ninth section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words:

"On buildings over twenty-two feet front, five dollars per annum;

On buildings over seventeen feet and not over twenty-two feet front, three dollars per annum;

On buildings over fourteen feet front and not over seventeen feet front, two dollars per annum;

On all buildings of fourteen feet front and under, one dollar per annum;"

Which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved to further amend the ordinance, by inserting after the word "dwellings," in the ninth line of the tenth section, the word "over," and by striking out the words "less than," in the same line, and inserting the words "not over," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved to further amend the ordinance, by striking out the numeral "4," in the thirteenth line of the eleventh section, and inserting the numeral "5," which was determined in the affirmative.

William Dean, Esq., in the chair.

Mr. Baker moved to further amend the ordinance, by striking out the numerals "14," in the fourth line of the eleventh section, and inserting the numerals "15," which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Miller:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Marden, Willson, Alricks, Robb, Swindell—6.

Nays—Messrs. Dean, George, Miller, Higgins—4.

Mr. Baker moved to further amend the ordinance, by striking out the numeral "3," in the seventeenth line of the eleventh section, and inserting the numeral "2," which was determined in the affirmative.

Pending the further consideration of the ordinance,

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Branch adjourned until to morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

The following resolutions were this day presented to the Mayor:

Resolution in favor of Walter L. Johnson, William Brown and Prince Sheppard;

Resolution providing for the construction of a sewer leading from Central avenue.

Tuesday, March 18, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The President appointed Messrs. Dean and Miller, on the part of this Branch, to act in conjunction with the ex-officio Mayor and the Presidents of the two Branches of the City Council, as a committee to visit the Secretary of the Treasury in Washington, and urge the resumption of work on the new court house lot on Fayette street.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of John Schwang and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution appropriating the sum of twelve thousand dollars to the House of Refuge—said appropriation to be paid in two equal instalments, the first on the first day of August, and the other on the first day of December—the amount to be provided for in the annual levy for 1862, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution directing the Register to pay I. Nevett Steele, Esq., the sum of five hundred dollars, out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full for professional services in the Superior Court, in the matter of the petitions for a mandamus to compel the city to open and widen Holliday street, the amount to be provided for in the levy of 1862; authorizing the Mayor to engage the said I. Nevett Steele, as counsel, to attend to the matter of said petitions in the Court of Appeals; and directing the Register, when said

matter is decided by the Court, to pay the said Steele the further sum of five hundred dollars in full for his professional services in the Court of Appeals, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, were received from the First Branch and read :

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution referring the petition of John C. Smith and others, for stepping stones at the intersection of Washington and Alice Anna streets ; the resolution to place flag stones at the intersection of Barre and Warner streets, and the resolution to remove the lamp on the corner of Gay and Forrest streets, to the Board of City Commissioners, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the resolution to place flag stones across Holliday street, on the north side of Orange alley, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution authorizing and directing the Register to pay William T. Marshall the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full for his services as architect, and for money expended by him in making the detailed drawings and estimates under the ordinance providing for the erection of a new City Hall, and in full for all other services rendered by him in any way in connection with the said contemplated hall, provided, that before any payment is made, the said William T. Marshall shall deliver to the Mayor, all the detail drawings and estimates for the said City Hall, which was read.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the resolution by inserting after the word "drawings," in the fourteenth line, the word "specifications," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dean, from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Ayres, for permission to extend a sign on his premises beyond the distance allowed by ordinance, having considered the subject, respectfully offer the following resolution:

WM. DEAN,
F. W. ALRICKS,
JESSE MARDEN,
Second Branch.

J. M. KIMBERLY,
WM. T. WILLIAMS,
ANDREW J. BURKE,
First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Samuel Ayres be and he is hereby permitted to extend a sign from his premises, on Block street, a few feet beyond what is now allowed by existing ordinances; the said sign to be removed at six months' notice from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. Marden offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby directed to inform this Branch whether they have had or are now having certain repairs made upon the paved streets or highways, or to the sewers or flag stones of the city. If so, by whom said work has or is being done, and what prices the City Commissioners have agreed to pay the contractors for such work.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. George called up the resolution granting permission to C. F. Munder & Brother to erect and use a steam engine on their premises, No. 27 South Liberty street, which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to authorize the construction of a new rail road track on Howard street," which was read.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the ordinance, by striking out all after the word "between," in the eleventh line of the second section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "eleven o'clock, P. M., and sunrise—during which time the ringing of the bell of the engine shall be dispensed with, and a man shall be employed to walk or ride in front of the locomotive or train whilst in motion," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved to further amend the ordinance, by striking out all after the word "of," in the second line of the third section, to the word "bell," inclusive, in the third line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "any of the provisions of this ordinance," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to ordinance No. 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, to appoint a Water Board, and to provide for an increased supply of water, &c."

Mr. Robb moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the ordinance was amended by striking out the numerals "14," in the fourth line of the eleventh section, and inserting the numerals "15," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion to amend, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Swindell:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Marden, Willson, Robb, Swindell—5.
Nays—Messrs. Dean, George, Alricks, Miller, Higgins—5.

Mr. Miller moved to further amend the ordinance, by striking out the word "may," in the fifty-second line of the eleventh section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "shall," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, March 19, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fix the compensation of the Mayor," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Miller moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved that the vote by which the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to ordinance No. 42 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, to appoint a Water Board, and to provide for an increased supply of water, &c." was passed, be reconsidered, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the ordinance by striking out all after the word "power," in the twentieth line of the eleventh section to the end of the twenty-third line, inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "up to and not exceeding twenty, eight dollars; each additional horse power, over twenty, six dollars," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution granting permission to Thomas W. Griffin to extend a sign in front of his office, No. 170 Broadway, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Robb moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Select Committee on the accounts of the Health Commissioner, stating that the affairs of that department have been examined and found correct, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution appropriating the sum of fifty dollars for trimming the trees in Madison Square, and restoring to their proper position such of the trees as were partially overthrown by recent storms, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for pumps in the city of Baltimore,' approved May 12th, 1859," which was read and passed.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Joint Select Committee appointed to visit Annapolis and memorialize the General Assembly of Maryland in relation to certain amendments to the Code of Public Local Laws relating to the City of Baltimore, be respectfully requested to furnish this Branch with a statement of the expenses to which they were subjected in said official visit.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. Robb stated to the Branch that the expenses incurred by him, on the occasion of his visit to Annapolis as a member of the committee, amounted to four dollars and sixty cents—three dollars of which sum was paid for hotel expenses and one dollar and sixty cents for railroad fare; the amount was defrayed by himself, and he had no knowledge of any expenditures further than those mentioned; he believed that as all the members of the committee were at Annapolis an equal length of time the expenses of each was about the same.

Mr. George stated that his expenses were similar in amount to those of Mr. Robb, and that they had been defrayed by

himself; he was not aware of any expenses having been incurred by the committee other than for hotel and railroad purposes.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 20, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, March 20, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have appointed Messrs. Mules and Dukehart as the committee upon the part of this Branch to visit Washington and urge upon the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States the propriety of resuming work upon the U. S. Court House, to be erected upon the lot on the North-West corner of North and Fayette streets.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch,
Baltimore, March 20th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a Joint Select Committee, to whom shall be referred a communication from the Mayor, and the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland creating a company for the purpose of laying down and operating a Passenger Railway from Boundary avenue to Druid Hill Park, and name as the committee on the part of this Branch, Messrs. Norris, Streeter and Sullivan.

By order,

Andrew J. Bandel, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Dean, Robb and Alricks as the committee on the part of this Branch.

A resolution authorizing the Comptroller to procure a national flag of sufficient size for the Marine Hospital, and appropriating the sum of thirty dollars to pay for the same, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "national," in the third line, and inserting the word "hospital," and by striking out the word "thirty," in the fourth line, and inserting the word "fifteen," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution authorizing the Trustees of the Almshouse to procure a national flag of sufficient dimensions for the use of the almshouse building, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Miller moved that the resolution be referred to the Trustees of the Poor, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. George offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to have the bed of that part of Eastern avenue, between Washington street and Castle alley, repaired, and the grade for a few feet at the East end of the square (some little) changed, being rather too high, the cost to be provided for out of the levy of 1862 for paving streets.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, March 21, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the City Commissioners, which was laid on the table:

CITY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
Baltimore, March 21st, 1862.

To the President and Members of the
Second Branch City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

In answer to your resolution of enquiry of the 18th inst., in relation to repairs of streets, &c., we would respectfully reply, that there have been no repairs made as yet, except in a few cases where certain localities have been reported as in a dangerous condition; which we have had repaired under our own immediate supervision.

We have made no contracts for repairs of streets or sewers for the ensuing year, therefore the prices to be paid have not yet been determined.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES M. JACOBS,
THOMAS W. BINYON,
GEORGE J. LOANE,
City Commissioners.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the City Commissioners, which was laid on the table:

CITY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
Baltimore, March 21st, 1862.

To the President and Members of the
Second Branch City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

In answer to your resolution of enquiry of the 19th inst., as to the cost of certain repairs to the squares in Mt. Vernon Place, &c., we would respectfully reply, that the cost of repairing and painting the iron railings would be $375 00
Repairing gutters inside and pavements outside, 40 00
For replacing of trees, 50 00
For top-dressing, manures and cleaning grass, 20 00

Total, $485 00

In reference to the *tree boxes*, we would recommend that they be entirely removed, except those around the younger trees, as we are of the opinion that the boxes are injurious to the growth of the trees.

If the above repairs and improvements are made, we believe that the present appropriation, viz., $150 per annum, will be ample for keeping the place in proper order.

Very Respectfully,

JAS. M. JACOBS,
THOS. W. BINYON,
GEO. J. LOANE,
City Commissioners.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, March 21, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in the first, third, fifth and sixth proposed amendments to the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to appoint a Water Board, and to provide for an increased supply of water," and have non-concurred in the second and fourth proposed amendments, and respectfully request you to recede from the same.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Robb moved that the Branch recede from the proposed amendments non-concurred in by the First Branch, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller rose to a question of privilege, and addressed the Branch in answer to certain remarks of Mr. Dukehart, printed on the Journal of the First Branch of March 20th.

Dr. Dean moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Internal Improvements, with a resolution requesting the Northern Central Railway Company to transfer their offices from Harrisburg back to Baltimore as soon as possible, and to complete the Rockdale and Canton connection within the period prescribed by ordinance, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Messrs. Duer and Hoopes appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, March 21, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, March 24, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, March 24th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your amendments to the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to authosize the construction of a new rail road track on Howard rtreet," and propose to amend the first amendment, by striking out all after the words "dispensed with," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "a man shall be employed, whenever the train is in motion, during the day or night, to precede it on horseback, for the purpose of keeping the track clear."

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Alricks moved that the Branch concur in the proposed amendment of the First Branch, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch, and laid on the table:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, March 24th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have unanimously nonconcurred in your amendment to the resolution directing the Comptroller to procure a National flag for the Marine Hospital, and respectfully request you to recede from the same.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, with a resolution referring the petition of R. B. Goodwin & Co. to the Joint Standing Committee on Education, and discharging the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor from the further consideration of the subject, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to fines and penalties, requiring notice to be given in certain cases," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution, which was read:

Whereas, a petition, signed by a large number of tax payers, owners of property adjacent to and bounding on Mount Vernon and Washington Squares, has been presented to the City Council, calling attention to the present condition of those improvements, and the necessity of an appropriation being made at this time to consummate certain repairs; and whereas, an examination has been instituted by the City Commissioners, and a statement of the probable cost of accomplishing the improvements necessary to be made, has been received, from which it appears that an appropriation of four hundred and eighty-five dollars will defray the expenses which may be incurred in the restoration and preservation of the property of the corporation in this locality; therefore,

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and directed to repair and paint the railings around Mount Vernon and Washington Squares, to repair the gutters inside and the pavements outside of said squares, to replace the trees, clean the grass, &c., and that the sum of four hundred and eighty-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses thereof, be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be provided for in the annual levy for the year 1862.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

The First Branch returned the resolution appropriating the sum of one hundred dollars for the removal of dirt from the bed of Hughes street, endorsed "concurred in."

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, March 25, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water, with a resolution referring the petition of Charles Myers, relative to expenses incurred in the removal of a fire plug, to the Board of Water Commissioners, with full power to act in the premises, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Select Committee on the accounts of the Register's office, stating that the books and papers for the year 1861, have been examined and found correct, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Almshouse, with a resolution requesting the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means to include in their charitable appropriations the Children's Aid Society, to the amount of one thousand dollars, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. George called up the message from the First Branch, requesting this Branch to recede from their proposed amendment to the resolution directing the Comptroller to procure a National flag for the Marine Hospital.

Mr. Miller moved that the Branch adhere to the amendment proposed; pending the consideration of which motion,

Mr. George moved to refer the subject to the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fix the compensation of the Mayor."

Mr. Robb moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "twenty-five hundred," in the fifth line, and inserting the words "two thousand," which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. George:

Yeas—Messrs. Marden, George, Robb, Swindell, Higgins–5.
Nays—Messrs. President, Dean, Willson, Alricks, Miller–5.

Mr. Robb moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

The First Branch returned the resolution appropriating the sum of four hundred and eighty-five dollars for certain repairs at Mount Vernon and Washington Squares, endorsed "concurred in."

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, March 26, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Alricks called up the resolution requesting the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means to include in the appropriations for the year 1862, the Children's Aid Society, to the amount of one thousand dollars, which was read.

Mr. Alricks moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the words "one thousand," in the fifth line, and inserting the words "five hundred," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fix the compensation of the Mayor."

Mr. Dean moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the proposition to amend the ordinance, by striking out the words "twenty-five hundred," in the fifth line, and inserting the words "two thousand," was determined in the negative, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the proposition to amend the ordinance, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Dean:

Yeas—Messrs. Marden, George, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—5.
Nays—Messrs. President, Dean, Willson, Alricks, Miller—5.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Robb:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Willson, Alricks, Miller—5.
Nays—Messrs. Marden, George, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—5.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Michael Dorsey and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the Ferry Bar road, from the terminus of the paved end of Light street to the Patapsco river, properly graded and gravelled, and appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Marden asked and obtained leave to introduce an ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance establishing a system for grading, paving and repairing the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Baltimore,' approved June 5, 1858, being ordinance No. 13 of Revised Ordinances, 1858," which was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, March 27, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Higgins moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fix the compensation of the Mayor," was rejected, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance,

Mr. Miller moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "twenty-five," in the fifth line, and inserting the word "twenty-four," which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. George:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Willson, Alricks, Miller —5.
Nays—Messrs. Marden, George, Robb, Swindell, Higgins —5.

Mr. Swindell moved to lay the ordinance on the table, whic was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution authorizing the Mayor to pay to the Baltimore City Guards the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, out of the unexpended balance in hand of the five hundred thousand dollars which was appropriated for the defense of the city, by ordinance approved April 20th, 1861, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and non-concurred in.

Mr. Dean called up the resolution granting permission to Thomas W. Griffin to extend a business sign three feet before his office, No. 170 Broadway, which was read and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution referring the petition of E. M. Warner, praying a return of taxes paid in error, to the Appeal Tax Court, and authorizing the Register to pay to the petitioner such sum as said Appeal Tax Court shall certify to be due, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to P. M. Meachin to erect a frame shed, (fourteen feet by nine—nine feet high in front and seven feet high in rear,) on his premises in the rear of Bloombery street, near Gold alley, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Robb moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to J. Harmanus Fisher to erect a green-house or conservatory in the rear of his dwelling on St. Paul street, above Eager street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Hugh Spedden, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution requesting the Comptroller to ascertain from the President and Directors of the Baltimore Gas Light Company, upon what terms the company would furnish the cor-

poration with gas light per annum, for the use of the city lamps, the city using a four feet burner; also upon what terms they would furnish the gas per thousand feet, the city using the present, or any other burner, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, March 28, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fund a portion of the floating debt of the city," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Messrs. Burke and Hoopes appeared as a committee, and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After sometime spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

Mr. Alricks moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, March 28, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your poposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Miller, from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Ahern, praying an adjustment of his claim against the corporation, for monies expended and expenses incurred in the purchase of certain lots of ground sold by the City Collector, in connection with the grading of Northern avenue, beg leave to report, that since the subject has been under their consideration, they have learned that it is the desire of the petitioner to withdraw his petition, with the view of amending the same.

The committee therefore submit the following resolution:

DECTUR H. MILLER,
JOSEPH ROBB,
JAS. B. GEORGE, Sr.,
Second Branch.

D. H. HOOPES,
S. F. STREETER,
WM. SULLIVAN,
First Branch.

Resolved, that John Ahern have leave to withdraw his petition, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of John Ahern, asking to be refunded a sum of money paid by him for certain lots of ground sold by the City Collector, for the grading of North avenue, and expenses incurred in that behalf, with interest thereon from the date of purchase, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, March 31, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Education, with a resolution referring the claim of R. B. Goodwin & Co. for compensation for the use of a wharf for the accommodation of the Floating School ship to the Board of School Commissioners for investigation and adjustment, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of the Adams' Express Company, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution granting permission to Samuel Ayres to extend a sign from his premises on Block street three feet beyond what is now allowed by existing ordinances, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay to Francis H. Smith the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars in full for his claim against the corporation, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay to the Managers of the Aged Women's Home the sum of five hundred dollars, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "A supplement to ordinance No. 22, entitled 'An ordinance to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the defense

of the city against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis,' approved April 20th, 1861," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A resolution authorizing the Fire Commissioners to loan steam fire engine No. 6 to the General Government for the purpose of pumping out a government vessel now in Hampton Roads, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Dean called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fix the compensation of the Mayor."

Mr. Dean moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "twenty-five" in the fifth line, and inserting the word "twenty-one," which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Robb:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Willson, Alricks, Robb, Swindell—7.

Nays—Messrs. George, Miller, Higgins—3.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Marden called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance establishing a system for grading, paving and repairing the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Baltimore,' approved June 5th, 1858, being Ord. No. 13 of Revised Ord. 1858," which was read.

Mr. Marden moved to lay the ordinance on the table until to-morrow afternoon, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dean called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to fines and penalties, requiring notice to be given in certain cases," which was read.

Pending the consideration of the ordinance,

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, April 1, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. George, from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the resolution, as amended in the First Branch, to furnish a national flag, and also a hospital flag, for the use of the Marine Hospital, report favorably on the same, and offer the following resolution:

JAS. B. GEORGE, Sr.,
WM. DEAN,
WM. SWINDELL,
Second Branch.

D. H. HOOPES,
E. S. LAMDEN,
First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to furnish the Marine Hospital with a national flag and a hospital flag, and that thirty dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, is hereby appropriated, to be taken from the levy of 1862.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. George, from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of W. Abrahams, to erect a frame bath house from the second story in the rear of his premises, on the north-east corner of Broadway and Lombard street, report as follows, that under the Revised Ordinance of 1858, page 169, section 5, he has all authority required, without further legislation.

We, therefore, offer the following resolution:

JAS. B. GEORGE, Sr.,
JOSEPH ROBB,
ASA HIGGINS,
Second Branch.

JAMES YOUNG,
JOHN DUKEHART.
JOHN BARRON,
First Branch.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. Marden called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance establishing a system for grading, paving and repairing the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Baltimore,' approved June 5th, 1858, being Ord. No. 13 of Revised Ord. 1858."

Mr. Marden moved to amend the first section of the ordinance by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the words:

"That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby directed and required to advertise in two of the newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, giving at least ten days' notice for proposals for the repairs of all paved streets, lanes and alleys, and all highways, bridges, curbstones and flag and stepping stones; and all such proposals as may be received in pursuance of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be submitted to the Mayor, Register and Comptroller, who, or a majority of whom, shall award the contract or contracts for the repairs aforesaid, to the lowest responsible bidder," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dean moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the words "contracts they may award," in the fourth line of the second section, and inserting the words "all contracts which may be awarded," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Education, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of John R. Cox, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fund a portion of the floating debt of the city," which was read.

Mr. Miller moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

The following ordinance and resolutions were this day presented to the Mayor:

An ordinance to provide for the keeping and sale of refuse materials.

Resolution providing for certain repairs at Mount Vernon and Washington Squares.

Resolution for the removal of dirt from the bed of Hughes street.

Wednesday, April 2, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. George called up the resolution granting permission to P. M. Meachin to erect a frame shed on his premises, in the rear of Bloomberg street, near Gold alley.

Mr. Robb moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, April 2, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have non-concurred in your proposed amendment to the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fix the compensation of the Mayor," and respectfully ask you to recede from the same.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch recede from the proposed amendment, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Dean.

Yeas—None.

Nays—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, George, Willson, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—10.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Education, with a resolution providing that the printing of the annual report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Schools, shall be excepted from all future contracts for the city printing, and authorizing the Commissioners to have their annual report printed by such person or persons as they may select, at a price not exceeding that paid to the city printer, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Robb moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Select Committee on the accounts of the Commissioners of Finance, stating that the books and accounts of that department have been examined and found correct, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, April 3, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Robb offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to inform this Branch, whether he has obtained certified copies of the acts recently passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, relating to the city of Baltimore, and if so, to transmit the same to the City Council as early as practicable.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to repeal the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the defense of the city against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis,' approved April 20, 1861," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A resolution requesting the Mayor to invite William G. Brownlow, of Knoxville, Tennessee, to visit the city of Baltimore, and to tender to him the hospitalities of the city, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay the Managers of the Children's Aid Society, the sum of five hundred dollars, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution authorizing the Register, to pay to the Treasurer of the Association for improving the condition of the poor of Baltimore, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

The First Branch returned the resolution granting permission to John Ahern to withdraw his petition, and discharging the Joint Standing Committee on Claims from the further consideration of the subject, endorsed "concurred in."

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

Whereas, early in the year 1852, when the steam Navy and Marine of the United States was largely increased, and the importance of the extension of trade with the West, with the facilities of procuring an abundant supply of coal from the vast coal regions of Maryland became apparent, the Board of Trade of Baltimore, convinced of the necessity of providing for this large accession of trade and important coal interest, by improvements of the channel of Patapsco river, so as to enable vessels of the largest class to enter our port and reach our wharves, for the purpose of availing of this desirable augmentation of trade and wealth, made applications to the City Council of Baltimore, and were successful in obtaining an appropriation of $50,000, to be devoted to the deepening of the said channel; subsequently, the Legislature of Maryland granted the annual receipts from the auction duties, then amounting to the sum of $18,000, for the same purpose, to which was afterwards added the liberal sum of $100,000, appropriated by the Government of the United States.

And whereas, this work, the important adjunct of our Great Western enterprise, the Baltimore & Ohio R. Road, which is again reopened to us, has progressed under the very able direction of a Commission of our fellow-citizens, largely aided by the skill of Government Engineers, with perfect success and a clear demonstration of the entire practicability of constructing a channel of sufficient depth, to admit of the free ingress and egress of steam frigates of the largest class, thereby offering to Government one of the greatest resources of wealth and supply in the facility of procuring the bituminous coal of the Cumberland region, which has been pronounced by U. S. Commis-

sioners, appointed for the purpose, the best coal in the world for generating steam.

And whereas, the several appropriations above referred to have become exhausted, whereby this important work is suspended and the valuable machinery connected therewith, consisting of steam dredges, steamboats, scows, &c., &c., is now idle, when a further sum of $100,000, would perhaps, effectually complete and give a means of water communication and harbor, available to vessels of the largest draft.

And whereas, Government at its present session appropriated the sum of $200,000 for the purpose of improvements at Fort Carroll; and whereas, the recent developments in the mode of naval warfare, may induce Congress to change said appropriation, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be respectfully and urgently requested to use their exertions in getting an act passed at the present session of Congress, appropriating the sum of $100,000, of the sum of $200,000 heretofore appropriated for work at Fort Carroll, for improving and deepening of the channel of the Patapsco river.

Resolved, that the Mayor be requested to forward a copy of this preamble and resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives of Maryland in Congress.

Mr. Miller called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fund a portion of the floating debt of the city."

Mr. Miller moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "three hundred." in the seventh line of the first section, and inserting the words "one hundred and fifty," which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. George:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Willson, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—9.

Nays—Mr. George.

Mr. Miller moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the words "two cents," in the second line of second section, and inserting the words "one cent," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, April 4, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

Messrs. Duer and Burke appeared as a committee, and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention, on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned and the members returned to their chamber.

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, April 4th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next, at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller called up the ordinance entitled "A supplement to Ordinance No. 22, entitled 'An ordinance to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the defense of the city against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis,' approved April 20th, 1861," which was read.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "one hundred," in the seventh line of the first section, and inserting the word "eighty," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller called up the resolution respectfully and urgently requesting the Senators and Representatives from the State of Maryland, in the Congress of the United States, to use their exertions in getting an act passed at the present session of Congress, appropriating the sum of $100,000, of the sum of $200,000 heretofore appropriated for work at Fort Carroll, for improving and deepening of the channel of the Patapsco river, and requesting the Mayor to forward a copy of the resolution to each of the Senators and Representatives of Maryland in Congress, which was read and adopted.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution requesting the Mayor to invite William G. Brownlow, of Knoxville, Tennessee, to visit the city of Baltimore, and to tender to him the hospitalities of the city, which was read.

Mr. Swindell moved to amend the resolution, by inserting after the word "Tennessee," the name of "Henry Ward Beecher," and by striking out the word "him," and inserting the word "them," which was determined in the negative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Miller called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to repeal the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the defense of the city against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis,' approved April 20, 1861," which was read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, April 7, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Board of Trade, which was ordered to be printed on the Journal of the Branch:

OFFICE BOARD OF TRADE,
Baltimore, April 7, 1862.

CHAS. J. BAKER, Esq., *President*
Second Branch City Council of Baltimore:

DEAR SIR,—

In accordance with a resolution passed to-day by this Board I have the pleasure herewith to present to you the proceedings, approving the measure before the Council in reference to the completion of the Patapsco River Channel.

Hoping for the successful accomplishment of the object, I have the honor to be, yours,

Very respectfully,

GEO. U. PORTER, *Sec'y.*

Whereas, the Board of Trade of Baltimore, with a zealous watchfulness of all proceedings which have for their object the advancement of the interests of the city, and especially of its trade and commerce, have observed with a lively sense of its importance the proposed favorable action of our City Council in the passage of a preamble and resolutions calling upon the Government of the United States, through our Representatives in Congress, for further aid toward the completion of the ship channel in the Patapsco river; and

Whereas, the Board of Trade of Baltimore, were of the first to demonstrate the practicability of the undertaking, and have continued unceasingly to feel the deepest interest in its successful prosecution and completion, as not only of the utmost importance to the commerce and trade of the city, but of vital interest to the General Government, by providing a channel of sufficient depth to allow the free ingress and egress of our national steam frigates of the largest class, and to avail of the immense supplies of the bituminous coal of the Alleghany and Cumberland regions, acknowledged to be unsurpassed for generating steam; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trade of Baltimore, unanimously approve of an application to Congress for aid in completing this important improvement of the channel of the Patapsco River.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish to each Branch of the City Council, and also to our Representatives in Congress, copies of the foregoing proceedings.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Baltimore, April 7th, 1862.

To the President and Members of the
Second Branch City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

In compliance with a resolution passed by your Honorable Body on the 3d instant, the undersigned herewith present for your consideration certified copies of the following Acts of Assembly relating to the city of Baltimore, passed at its January session, 1862:

An Act to empower the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to levy and collect taxes on all property found within the corporate limits of Baltimore.

An Act to authorize the Collector or other officer appointed by ordinance to perform the duties of Auditor.

An Act to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to assess and collect water tax.

An Act to prevent by penalty polluting the water of Swann Lake and Reservoir, &c.

An Act relating to the Alms House of Baltimore city.

Very respectfully,
SAM. MACCUBBIN,
Comptroller.

Mr. Miller moved that the first, second and third Acts b referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, the fourth to the Joint Standing Committee on Water, and the fifth to the Joint Standing Committee on the Almshouse, which was determined in the affirmative.

The First Branch returned the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance establishing a system for grading, paving and repairing the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Baltimore,' approved June 5th, 1858," endorsed "rejected."

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, April 7, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have unanimously nonconcurred in your proposed amendments to the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fund a portion of the floating debt of the city," and request the appointment of a committee of conference upon the subject, and name as the committee upon the part of this Branch, Messrs. Dukehart, Streeter and Lamden.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Miller moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Miller, Marden and Robb as the committee on the part of this Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, April 7, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have unanimously non-concurred in your proposed amendments to the ordinance entitled "A supplement to ordinance No. 22 entitled 'An ordinance to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the defence of the city against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis,' approved April 20, 1861," and request the appointment of a committee of conference upon the subject, and name as the committee upon the part of this Branch Messrs. Dukehart, Streeter and Lamden.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Miller moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs Miller, Marden and Robb as the committee on the part of this Branch.

Mr. Alricks called up the resolution authorizing the Register to pay to the Treasurer of the Association, for improving the condition of the poor of Baltimore, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, which was read.

Mr. Alricks moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "five hundred," in the fifth line, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to enforce

useful regulations, to restrain certain evil practices therein mentioned, and to remove nuisances,' Revised Ordinances 1858, No. 33," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Higgins moved to amend the ordinance by inserting after the word "agents," in the seventh line of he first section, the words, "by a written or printed notice delivered at their residence or place of business," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Higgins moved to further amend the ordinance by inserting after the word "hours," in the twelfth line of the first section, the words "after receiving said notice," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr, Higgins moved to further amend the first section of the ordinance by adding thereto the words, "provided that this ordinance shall not be construed to apply to houses in the course of construction," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. George moved to further amend the ordinance by inserting after the word "immediately," in the sixth line of the first section, the words "visit the premises and," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Swindell moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the words "not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars," in the thirteenth and fourteenth lines of the first section, and inserting the words "one dollar," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Swindell moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the words "fifty," in the eighteenth line of the second section, and inserting the word "twenty," and by striking out the words "one hundred," in the nineteenth line of the same section, and inserting the word "fifty," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution granting permission to P. M. Meachin, to erect a frame shed on his premises in the rear of Bloomberg street, near Gold alley, which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, April 8, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Higgins offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council, that the Water Engineer be and he is hereby requested to inform this Branch what elevation above tide is had on "Crow-hill," a property owned by the Canton Co., situated on the Trap road, adjacent to Wetter's farm, and bounded on Wilk street extended; also the head of water attainable at that locality from the Mount Royal supply, and the probable cost of extending the main to that point.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution authorizing the Comp'roller to lease the wharves on Light street at the foot of Camden, Conway and Barre streets, belonging to the city, for one year or until the first day of May 1863, in such manner and on such terms as he may think best for the city, were received from the First Branch, and read.

On motion ot Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Select Committee on the vouchers, relating to the expenditures under the ordinance appropriating five hundred thousand dollars for the defense of the city, with a resolution authorizing their restoration to the custody of the Register; requesting the Mayor to have collected at the earliest possible moment, the arms and military materials belonging to the city, in the custody of the U. S. Marshal or elsewhere, reserving such as, in his judgment, may be necessary for public use, to dispose of the balance, and place the proceeds in the City Treasury ; and authorizing the Register to repay, *pro rata*, to the several Banks, the balance remaining on hand from the sum borrowed of them under authority of ordinance No. 22, approved April 20th, 1861, "to appropriate $500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the defense of the city against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to authorize the construction of a railway track on Chester and Alice Anna streets," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide for the care and management of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, and for the protection of the same, approved June 24, 1859,'" was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the inside railings in Union Square properly repaired, and appropriating the sum of seventy-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the resolution was read a second time by special order.

Mr. Higgins moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto the following, which was determined in the affirmative :

"Resolved further, that the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and directed to have the inside railings in Franklin Square properly repaired, and that they draw upon the Comptroller for the sum of seventy-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, the amount to be provided for in the annual levy for 1862."

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the Fish Market House, at Centre Market, plastered and otherwise repaired, and appropriating the sum of thirty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, April 9, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

Mr. Dean presented a memorial from Caleb B. Hynes, remonstrating against the laying of an additional railway track on Alice Anna street, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Highways.

The President laid before the Branch a communication from the ladies of Baltimore, calling attention to the filthy condition of the sidewalks on North Charles street, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Highways.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution providing that the printing of the annual report of the Board of Commissioners of Public Schools, shall be excepted from all future contracts for the city printing, and authorizing the Commissioners to have their annual report printed by such person or persons as they may select, at a price not exceeding that paid to the city printer, which was read and concurred in.

The First Branch returned the resolution discharging the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department from the further consideration of the petition of W. Abrahams, endorsed "concurred in."

A report from the Joint Select Committee on the accounts of the Comptroller, stating that the affairs of that department have been examined and found correct, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to establish a paid Fire Department for the city of Baltimore,' approved December 10, 1858," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, April 10, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The First Branch returned the resolution appropriating the sum of thirty dollars for the purchase of a national flag and a hospital flag for the use of the Marine Hospital, endorsed "concurred in."

A communication from William H. Hayward, chairman of the committee of arrangements, inviting the Mayor and City Council to attend the concert to be given for the benefit of the National Union Reading Rooms, at the New Assembly Rooms, on Thursday evening, the 10 instant, was received from the First Branch.

Mr. Dean moved that the invitation be accepted, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, April 10, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in the first, second, fifth and sixth proposed amendments to the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to enforce useful regulations, to restrain certain evil practices therein mentioned, and to remove nuisances,'" being No. 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, and have non-concurred in the third and fourth proposed amendments, and respectfully request you to recede from the same.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch recede from the proposed amendments non-concurred in by the First Branch.

Mr. Robb called for a division of the question.

The question being taken on the motion to recede from the third proposed amendment, it was determined in the affirmative.

The question being taken on the motion to recede from the fourth proposed amendment, it was determined in the negative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Louis Rosenburg to continue in use the stud partitions recently placed in house No. 109 N. Howard street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Higgins, from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Committee on Highways, to whom was referred the remonstrance of Caleb B. Hynes against the passage of the ordinance granting permission to the Canton Company to construct a rail track from the main stem of the Phila. W. & B. Railroad to their warehouses on the south side of Alice Anna street, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the premises, and have arrived at the conclusion that said track cannot be detrimental or in any manner injurious to the property of the complainant, and ask leave to offer the following resolution:

ASA HIGGINS,
JOSEPH ROBB,
JESSE MARDEN,
Second Branch.

THOS. H. MULES,
JOHN EVANS,
First Branch.

Resolved, that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, April 11, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, April 11, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the stones, straw and other obstructions removed from Patterson's Park, and cause all the holes in the enclosure to be properly filled up, and appropriating the sum of fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the road at the foot of Ridgely street, widened to a width sufficient to allow two vehicles to pass with safety, and appropriating the sum of fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution authorizing the restoration of the vouchers, relating to the expenditures under the ordinance appropriating five hundred thousand dollars for the defense of the city, to the custody of the Register; requesting the Mayor to have collected at the earliest possible moment, the arms and military materials belonging to the city, in the custody of the U. S. Marshal or elsewhere, reserving such as, in his judgment, may be necessary for public use, to dispose of the balance, and place the proceeds in the City Treasury; and authorizing the Register to repay, *pro rata*, to the several Banks, the balance remaining on hand from the sum borrowed of them under authority of Ordinance No. 22, approved April 20th, 1861, "to appropriate $500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the defense of the city against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis," which was read.

Mr. Robb moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "furthermore," in the first line of the second section, and inserting the words "by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb moved to further amend the resolution by striking out the words "by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore," in the first line of the third section, and inserting the word "furthermore," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to establish a Paid Fire Department for the city of Baltimore,' approved December 10, 1858," which was read and passed.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide for the care and management of the Police and Fire Alarm

Telegraph, and for the protection of the same, approved June 24, 1859,' " which was read and passed.

Mr. Dean called up the resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the Fish Market at Centre Market house plastered and otherwise repaired, and appropriating the sum of thirty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, which was read.

Mr. Marden moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, April 14, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Water Engineer, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Almshouse:

OFFICE OF WATER ENGINEER,

Baltimore, April 14, 1862.

To the Honorable the President and Members of the

Second Branch City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

In compliance with your resolutions of the 9th inst., requesting the Water Engineer to inform your Branch what elevation above tide is had on Crow-Hill, also the head of water attainable from the Mt. Royal Reservoir, and the probable cost of extending the main to that point.

1st. I have taken as a basis of measurement the surface of water at Harris' creek, the tide being a few inches lower than mean tide, and terminated my measurement on the highest point south-west of the Trap road, in front of Mr. Wetter's house, and found an elevation of one hundred and fifty feet two inches. Fifty-seven feet south of the highest point, one hundred and forty-five feet ten inches, being as high as the water will flow.

2d. There not being a very strong head of water, it will require six-inch pipe to convey the water to the last named point, and therefore I estimate for six-inch pipe, the distance to the corner of Essex and Bank streets, or the end of this pipe viz:

11,100 feet, at 75 cts. pr. lineal foot (6 inch.).....	$8,325 00
2 stop-cocks.....	48 00
Crossing Harris' Creek	125 00
Total cost.....	$8,498 00

This will convey about thirty thousand gallons of water per day of 24 hours, the Reservoir being 150 feet above tide, allowing four feet two inches for friction.

Presuming, gentlemen, that you are desirous of obtaining all the information you can on the subject of getting water to the above site, and finding that it was impracticable to use the Mt. Royal Reservoir for that purpose, I have deemed it proper to make the estimate for laying the pipe from the Hampton Reservoir, as this would give an abundant head and flow of water at less cost than the Mt. Royal. The Water Board have had in contemplation the laying of a main pipe from the intersection of McMechen street and Northern avenue, for the high

points east of Jones' Falls, and as this pipe is much needed and the property on the line will pay a large portion of the expense, I take it for granted the main will be laid before it will be required for the use of the Almshouse.

I have therefore measured from this point where the Hampton Reservoir will be connected, to the pipe now in the ground cor. of Pratt and Gist streets, a distance of twelve thousand five hundred feet, and with the head of the Hampton Reservoir sixty-seven feet above the point of delivery, the following size pipe will deliver fifty thousand gallons per day:

6,250 feet 4 inch pipe which will cost complete.....	$3.125 00
6,250 " 3 " " " " "	2,343 75
2 stop-cocks.....	30 00
Expense of crossing ravines east of Patterson Park	250 00
Total cost.....	$5,748 75

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Suter,

Water Engineer.

A resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the roof and plastering of Broadway Market house properly repaired, and appropriating the sum of twenty-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Marden moved that the resolution be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Marden called up the resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the Fish Market at Centre Market house plastered and otherwise repaired, and appropriating the sum of thirty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same.

Mr. Marden moved that the resolution be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, April 15, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, April 15, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully ask the appointment of a committee of conference on the proposed amendment of your Branch to the ordinance supplementary to the ordinance to enforce useful regulations, to restrain certain evil practices therein mentioned, and to remove nuisances, and have named Messrs. Young, Cromer and Sullivan, as the committee on the part of this Branch.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Swindell moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Swindell, Dean and Willson, as the committee on the part of this Branch.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution referring the petition of Andrew B. Cross, agent of Mrs. Webster, praying the refunding of taxes, with the interest and costs thereon, paid in error, to the Appeal Tax Court, and authorizing the Register to pay to Mrs. Webster or her agent, such sum as the Appeal Tax Court shall certify to be due, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of D. C. H. Emery, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Branches on the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fund a portion of the floating debt of the city," and the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance appropriating the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the defense of the city against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis," approved April 20, 1861, recommending that the floating debt of the city, to the amount of 200,000 dollars, be funded, and that the debt for the defense of the city to the amount of 80,000 dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be funded, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the report was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, April 16, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The President laid before the Branch, the following communication from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE—CITY HALL,
Baltimore, April 16, 1862.

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Second Branch City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

I have approved of the following ordinance and resolutions emanating from your Branch, viz:

An ordinance to provide for the keeping and sale of refuse material.

Resolution in favor of Walter L. Johnson, William Brown and Prince Shepherd.

Resolution for the construction of a sewer leading from Central avenue.

Resolution for the removal of dirt from the bed of Hughes street.

Resolution providing for certain repairs at Mount Vernon and Washington Squares.

With great respect,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN LEE CHAPMAN,
Ex-Officio Mayor.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Bridges, with a resolution appropriating the sum of fifty dollars for repairing the bridge over Jones' Falls, at Foundry street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution authorizing the placing of the sum of ten thousand dollars at the disposal of the Mayor, for the purpose of procuring nurses and the necessary supplies for alleviating the sufferings of such soldiers of the Federal army as may be wounded in battle, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and non-concurred in.

A resolution requesting the Mayor to invite the citizens of Baltimore, and ship masters in port, to hoist the national flag from their house tops and shipping on Saturday, the 19th of April, 1862, as a manifestation of their gratitude for deliverance from the dangers which threatened to destroy the city and State, on the occasion of the passage of troops through the city to protect the capital of the United States at Washington, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, April 17, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Charles Gehrman, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution appropriating the sum of twelve hundred dollars to the Managers of the House of Refuge, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to the Crescent Coal Oil Company to remove certain fixtures from the corner of West and Leadenhall streets, to the south-east corner of West street and Ohio avenue, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the crown of Calhoun and Lexington streets, where they intersect, raised to a sufficient height as to allow the water to have an easy and natural flow down the gutters of Calhoun street, and appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Dean called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to fines and penalties, requiring notice to be given in certain cases."

Mr. Dean moved to amend the ordinance, by inserting the following as the second and third sections :

Section 2. And be it enacted and ordained, that in all cases of violation of any of the ordinances or parts of ordinances mentioned in the preceding section of this ordinance, which require notice to be given to the person or persons offending, before he, she or they shall be liable to the penalties therein prescribed, it shall be the duty of the policemen, upon whom devolves the enforcement of the ordinances of the Mayor and City Council, to give the notice required, unless it is made the duty of some other officer to give said notice.

Section 3. And be it further enacted and ordained, that it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to have prepared suitable forms for giving notice to persons violating the ordinances or parts of ordinances mentioned in the first section of this ordinance, and to supply the same to the several police stations from time to time, as may be necessary for distribution among the police-men, to assist them in performing the duty of giving notice to delinquents, as required by the provisions of this ornance.

The question being taken on the motion to amend, it was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution, which was read :

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council, that John L. Chapman, Esq , the acting Mayor of the city, be requested to inform this Branch in what case he has employed assistant counsel for this city, and under what circumstances, and whether at the request of the City Counsellor, and whether with the approbation of the Presidents of the First and Second Branches of the City Council.

Resolved further, that John L. Chapman, Esq., the acting Mayor of the city, be requested to inform this Branch what amounts of money he has paid to the Police force employed in this city by the General Government of the United States, and under what law or ordinance said payments have been made.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, April 18, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Dean and Willson.

Mr. George moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Branches on the proposed amendment to the ordinance supplementary to the ordinance to enforce useful regulations, to restrain certain evil practices and to remove nuisances, recommending that the First Branch withdraw its opposition to the proposed amendment of the Second Branch, and that the said amendment be concurred in, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the report was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the application of Goldenberg & Co., for permission to suspend a canvas sign from the upper portion of their store No. 51 North Howard street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Select Committee on the accounts of the Commissioners of Public Schools, stating that the books and accounts of that department have been carefully examined and found correct, the entries being sustained by satisfactory vouchers, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, April 18, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch :

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Monday evening next at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, April 21, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of Henry May, asking to be refunded certain taxes overpaid by him on a lot of ground at the intersection of Charles street and Morton alley, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "sixteen," in the fourth line, and inserting the word "thirty-six," which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Dean:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, George, Willson, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—10.

Nays—None.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmrtive.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the support of the police of the city of Baltimore for 1862," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to create a sinking fund to redeem the stock issued for rebuilding the Court House," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the redemption of the jail stock for 1862," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the payment of certain expenses of the courts, jail, &c.," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the redemption of the water stock for the year 1862," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the payment of interest on loans obtained by the city for the purpose of prosecuting the works of Internal Improvement," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the redemption of the debt created by funding a part of the floating debt of the city," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the payment of the expenses of the Public Schools in the city of Baltimore, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the redemption of the debt created by funding a part of the debt for the defense of the city," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways and bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore, and the necessary grading and masonry required for the construction of the same," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, arrears due on account of the late Baltimore City Court, for the City Poor in the Almshouse of Baltimore city, the House of Refuge, the Aged Women's Home, the Dispensaries, the Children's Aid Society, the Association for Improving the condition of the Poor, &c., for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to authorize the Register to use the credit of the city to the amount of uncollected taxes of 1862, not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, April 22, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, April 22, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have non-concurred in your proposed amendment to the ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to fines and penalties, requiring notice to be given in certain cases," and respectfully request you to recede from the same.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, April 22, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have non-concurred in your proposed amendment to the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two," and respectfully request the appointment of a committee of conference upon the subject.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Robb moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Robb, Dean and Marden as the committee on the part of this Branch.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, April 23, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Miller moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns on Friday afternoon, May 2d, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon September 1st, 1862, which was determined in the affirmative.

The First Branch returned the resolution discharging the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, from the further consideration of the petition of Caleb B. Hynes, endorsed "concurred in."

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution requesting the President and Directors of the Greenmount Cemetery Company to remove that portion of the wall running south from the gate back to the building line, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Miller, from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry May, praying that certain lots of ground, unimproved, belonging to him, bounding on Charles, Eager and Morton streets, and running through from the former to the latter streets—heretofore divided and separately assessed—may now be assessed together and in his name, to conform to the uniform assessment of other lots adjoining and in the immediate neighborhood, of same depth; also, for the return of the sum of $75.75, of taxes paid in error; have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

DECATUR H. MILLER,
JAS. B. GEORGE, Sr.,
JOSEPH ROBB,
Second Branch.

D. H. HOOPES,
S. F. STREETER,
WM. SULLIVAN,
First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Appeal Tax Court be and they are hereby authorized and directed to make or caused to be made, an equitable assessment of the property of Henry May, situated on Charles, Eager and Morton streets, and running through from Charles to Morton street, so as to conform, as the law directs, to the uniform rate of taxation of other contiguous property.

Resolved further, that the memorial of Henry May, in relation to taxes paid in error, be and the same is hereby referred to the Appeal Tax Court for examination and adjustment, and that the Register be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Henry May such sum of money as the said Appeal Tax Court shall certify to be due.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, April 24, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Committee of Conference on the disagreement between the two Branches in relation to the amount to be levied for direct tax for the year 1862, stating that they were unable to come to any agreement, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the dead trees in Eutaw Square replaced with others, and to keep the fence around said square in repair, and appropriating the sum of one hundred dollars, or so much as may be necessary to pay for the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Bridges, with a resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have a new flooring placed on the bridge over Jones' Falls, at Hillen street, and appropriating the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution authorizing the Register of the city to place to the credit of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, to refund the General Government the amount expended for the payment of the Governmt police, was received from the First Branch, and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until tomorrrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, April 25, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A resolution granting permission to William Hebden and others, to erect a flag pole on the brick square on Broadway near Canton avenue, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Alricks moved that the ordinance be laid on the table until Monday afternoon, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Swindell moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Alricks moved that the vote by which the ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1862, was laid on the table until Monday afternoon, be reconsidered, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance,

Mr. Alricks moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "thirty-one," in the fourth line, and inserting the word "thirty-five."

Mr. Dean moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word "thirty-five," and inserting the word "thirty-seven," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the amendment, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, April 25, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have non-concurred in your proposed amendment to the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1862," and respectfully request you to recede from the same.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Alricks moved that the Branch adhere to the proposed amendment, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, April 25th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully request the appointment of a Joint Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Branches in regard to he ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1862."

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Swindell moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Swindell, Higgins and Wilson as the committee on the part of this Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, April 25th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have named Messrs. Dukehart, Sullivan and Young, as the committee of conference on the part of this Branch in relation to the ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for 1862.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Saturday, April 26, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, April 28, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Willson and Miller.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance appointing a Collector of taxes and prescribing his duties," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Peter Kephart, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Morretz Weyrauch, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the house over the Eastern Fountain properly repaired, and appropriating the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution authorizing the Superintendent of the Court House, to have the outside wood work of the Court House and Record Office repainted, and the roof of the former repaired, and appropriating the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, or so so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution appropriating the sum of twelve hundred dollars for repairing the Jail, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing votes of the two Branches on the ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the year 1862, recommending that the amount be fixed at thirty-three and one-half cents, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the report was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. George:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Alricks, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—7.

Nay—Mr. George—1.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the support of the police of the city of Baltimore for 1862," which was read and passed.

Mr. Alricks called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to create a sinking fund to redeem the stock issued for rebuilding the Court House," which was read and passed.

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the redemption of the jail stock for 1862," which was read and passed.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the payment of certain expenses of the courts, jails, &c.," which was read and passed.

Mr. Alricks called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the redemption of the water stock for the year 1862," which was read and passed.

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the payment of interest on loans obtained by the city for the purpose of prosecuting the works of Internal Improvement," which was read and passed.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the redemption of the debt created by the funding a part of the floating debt of the city," which was read and passed.

Mr. Alricks called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the payment of the expenses of the Public Schools in the city of Baltimore, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two," which was read and passed.

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a tax for the redemption of the debt created by funding a part of the debt for the defense of the city," which was read and passed.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to lay and collect a direct tax for the repairs of highways and bridges in certain parts of the city of Baltimore, and the necessary grading and masonry required for the construction of the same," which was read and passed.

Mr. Alricks called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the payment of sundry expenses of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, arrears due on account of the late Baltimore City Court, for the City Poor in the Almshouse of Baltimore city, the House of Refuge, the Aged Women's Home, the Dispensaries, the Children's Aid Society, the Association for Improving the condition of the Poor, &c., for the year eighteen hundred and sixty two," which was read and passed.

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to authorize the Register to use the credit of the city to the amount of uncollected taxes of 1862, not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars," which was read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, April 29, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the enquiry as to the power of the Clerk of the Centre Market to permit the sale of manufactered goods in said market, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, with a resolution authorizing the Comptroller to purchase and repair such quantity of hose as in his judgment is needed for the use of the several market houses, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the education of deaf mutes belonging to the city of Baltimore," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution, which was read:

Whereas, a resolution of inquiry was addressed by the Second Branch of the City Council to John Lee Chapman, Esq., the acting Mayor, on the 17th of April, desiring certain information relative to the employment of additional counsel, and the payment of money to the police force employed by the General Government; and whereas, sufficient time, in the discretion of this Branch, has intervened for the reception of an answer to said resolution of inquiry, and the desired information has not yet been received; therefore,

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that John Lee Chapman, Esq., the acting Mayor, be and he is hereby respectfully requested, if not incompatible with the public interest, to communicate to this Branch, at his earliest convenience, the information requested to be imparted by the resolution adopted on the 17th April, 1862.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolntion was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

An ordinance entitled "An additional supplement to ordinance No. 10, of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, entitled 'An ordinance for collecting the taxes of the city of Baltimore,' &c., approved June 5, 1858," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

An ordinance entitled "An additional supplement to ordinance No 42, of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, being the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to appoint a Water Board, and to provide for an increased supply of water to the city of Baltimore from Jones' Falls,' approved June 5, 1858," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that a message be sent to the First Branch respectfully requesting that body to take action as early as practicable, on the resolution adopted by this Branch, requesting the Senators and Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States, to use their influence to procure the passage of an act appropriating one hundred thousand dollars of the amount heretofore appropriated for improvements at Fort Carroll, for the improvement of the channel of the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, April 30, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Higgins.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Kimberly Brother, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Health, with a resolution calling the attention of the Health Department to the present condition of the numerous ponds and pools of water in the outskirts of the city, and urging said department to have the same drained and otherwise remedied in due season, to prevent the propagation of insects and the spread of disease at the approaching summer, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Health, with a resolution authorizing the Police Commissioners to sink a well or tap the sewer at the Central Police Station, to remedy the nuisance existing at said station, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Robb moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to repeal a portion of the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to change in some particulars the present Port Warden's line,' approved May 7, 1853," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, with a resolution authorizing the City Commissioners and Port Wardens to advertise in two or more of the daily newspapers published in the city, for at least five days, for sealed proposals for the construction of a substantial wharf, one log above high water mark, commencing at the north-westermost corner of the present city wharf and Webster street, and extending in a westwardly direction to where a certain breakwater intersects with the property belonging to the estate of the late John McTavish, to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and appropriating three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, the amount to be provided for in the annual levy for 1863, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution requesting the Government of the United States to detail a properly qualified officer, for the purpose of correctly replacing the buoys in the "Brewerton Channel," and providing that the expenses attending the replacement shall be defrayed by the city, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, April 30, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have received your message requesting this Branch to take action, as early as practicable, on the resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States to use their influence to procure the passage of an act appropriating one hundred thousand dollars, of the amount heretofore appropriated for improvements at Fort Carroll, for the improvement of the channel of the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco river; and in explanation, would state that this Branch has been awaiting your action upon printed bill No. 18, being the ordinance to provide for the appointment of a commission for deepening and improving the channel in the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, May 1, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Messrs. Duer and Hoopes appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, the members returned to their chamber.

Mr. Miller moved that the following message be sent to the First Branch:

Gentlemen of the First Branch:

In the exercise of a prerogative, we addressed a message to your Honorable Body, requesting you to take action, as early as practicable, on the resolution looking to the passage of an act by the Congress of the United States, appropriating a sum of money for the improvement of the channel of the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River. In answer to this message, we have been informed that you have deferred action on the resolution in consequence of the non-action of this Branch on an ordinance for the appointment of Commissioners for deepening the channel of the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River. This explanation on your part develops a new feature in the history of the deliberations of the two Branches of the City Council. We were not previously aware that the position of the two Branches was to be regarded as the parties to a game at chess—the act of one Branch on a particular measure to be the criterion of proceeding in the other on another measure, for the reason that the respective matters under consideration happen to have originated in a different Branch. If this is to be the motive by which the Branches are to be governed in the transaction of business, it is apparent that but little benefit will inure to the corporation from the services of the City Council, and a stay cannot be put to such proceedings at too early a period.

Since an explanation has been given for the non-action of the First Branch on the resolution adopted by this Branch, in relation to an appropriation for improving the channel of the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River, which implies a connection between that subject and the ordinance now pending before this Branch, we would state that we are of opinion that the two measures are entirely dissimilar in character, and are by no means connected with each other. The ordinance before this Branch provides for the creation of a Board of Commissioners to remove obstructions from the channel of the

Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River. A similar ordinance was passed in 1852, and the Board created at that time has performed its functions in a satisfactory manner. As the gentlemen constituting that Board are citizens of high standing, and of equal probity and skill with any others that might be selected to execute the trust, we are not aware of any reason why they should be superseded; and, not being convinced of the necessity for any change being made in the premises, we have delayed action upon the ordinance from the date of its reception up to the present time. As soon as we are enabled to perceive that the interests of the corporation require the passage of such an ordinance as the one now pending before this Branch, we shall proceed to consider and take definite action on the subject with as little delay as possible. In the meantime, a request from our co-ordinate Branch to give the subject an early consideration, would be received with the greatest respect; and we should not plead, in extenuation of any delay that might ensue, that we are awaiting the action of your Honorable Body on any particular measure that might be in a state of pendancy at the time.

The question being taken on the adoption of the motion, in was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committe on Police and Jail, with a resolution granting permission to Benjamin German, to erect and use a frame awning in front of the building now occupied by him, corner of Madison and Spring streets, fronting on Spring street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, May 2, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The President laid before the Branch, the following communication from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OEFICE—CITY HALL.

Baltimore, May 2, 1862.

To the President and Members of the
Second Branch City Council:

GENTLEMEN:

I have received the resolution adopted by your Honorable Body, requesting information "as to what case the Mayor had employed assistant counsel for the city, and under what circumstances, &c.; and also what amounts of money he has paid to the Police force employed in this city by the General Government of the United States, and under what law or ordinance said payments have been made."

In answer to the first inquiry, I would state that I have employed assistant counsel for the city in two cases.

Counsel was employed in the matter relating to th *peoples money* on deposit in the Farmers' & Planters' Bank to the credit of the Police Board; the commissioners were rapidly drawing this money from Bank, and I conceived it to be my duty to endeavor to stop it. I did not employ the counsel at the request of the *then* city counsellor, for reasons which will appear obvious to all who are familiar with the question at issue.

William Price, Esq., has been retained as counsel for the city in the Reynolds case, in which, as you are aware, a very large amount of money is involved. There are several other cases now pending in the courts in which assistant counsel has been retained. They were engaged, however, by my predecessors.

The Police was paid up to the 14th of February by authority of the Legislature, but that body having adjourned without making further provision for the balance due them, I took the responsibility of paying them out of the five hundred thousand dollars placed in part by you, under the *sole* control of the Mayor, "*for the defence of the city* against any danger that may arise out of the present crisis."

The amount paid them by me was $19,286.39. This was the best and only legitimate use made of any portion of that fund.

With great respect,

JOHN LEE CHAPMAN,
Ex-Officio Mayor.

Mr. Swindell moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon, at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, May 2, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, May 5, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Higgins.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, with a resolution appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars to the Maryland Institute, to be applied to repainting and repairing the exterior of the Maryland Institute building, and requiring the City Register to honor the draft of the President of the Maryland Institute for that amount, provided the latter shall exhibit to the City Register satisfactory evidence that said sum has been expended for the purpose indicated, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution requesting the Government of the United States to detail a properly qualified officer, for the purpose of correctly replacing the buoys in the "Brewerton Channel," and providing that the expenses attending the replacement shall be defrayed by the city, which was read and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Health, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Patrick Caughlan, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, May 6, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Dean called up the resolution authorizing the Police Commissioners to sink a well or to tap the sewer at the Central Police Station, in order to remedy the nuisance now existing at said station.

Mr. Robb moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "or to tap the sewer," in the third line, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Alricks.

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Alricks, Robb, Swindell—6.

Nays—Messrs. George, Willson, Miller, Higgins—4.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution calling the attention of the Health Department to the present condition of the numerous ponds and pools of water in the outskirts of the city, and urging said department to have the same drained and otherwise remedied in due season, to prevent the propagation of insects and the spread of disease at the approaching summer, which was read and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, May 7, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Alricks presented the petition of Frederick Ditzel and others, praying the interference of the corporate authorities to abate the nuisance existing on Federal Hill, a short distance south of Cross street, occasioned by the emission of deleterious gases and poisonous odors from Chappell's Factory, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health.

Mr. Swindell presented the petition of L. Bierbower, asking permission to use a steam engine on his premises, which was referred to the Joint Standing Commmitte on the Fire Department.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the County wharf, at foot of Broadway, repaired, and appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same; provided the proprietors of the Steam Ferry landing at that wharf, will at the same time repair that portion used by them, and at their own expense, the whole work to be done under the supervision and direction of the City Commissioners, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to J. W. Grafflin to build a frame shed in his lumber yard, on the corner of Canton and East Falls avenues, thirty by fifteen feet, one story high, to be removed at any time after three months' notice by the Mayor, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of John S. Rinn, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of James Glass, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Greenbury Galloway, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Alricks moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Branch concurred in the resolution granting permission to the Police Commissioners to sink a well at the Central Police Station, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Alricks moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution was amended, by striking out the words "or to tap the sewer," in the third line, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion to amend the resolution, it was determined in the negative.

The question being taken on concurring in the resolution, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, May 8, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

The President laid before the Branch a communication from Geo. Pearson, asking the acceptance by the Branch of a sample of his Medicated Tar Drops.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Tar Drops were accepted, with the thanks of the Branch.

The President laid before the Branch the following communication from the Water Board:

OFFICE OF WATER BOARD,

Baltimore, May 8, 1862.

C. J. BAKER, Esq., *President Second Branch City Council*:

SIR:—

I am directed by the Water Board to invite the members of the First and Second Branches of the City Council to participate in a general inspection of the Baltimore City Water Works, on Wednesday, 14th May.

The party will leave the Calvert Station at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN W. RANDOLPH,

Secretary.

Mr. Robb moved that the invitation be accepted, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Alricks asked and obtained leave to introduce the following ordinance, which was read :

An additional Supplement to the Ordinance for collecting the taxes of the city of Baltimore, and the Ordinance providing for the prompt collection of the taxes on personal property.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to extend the time for which discounts are allowed for the prompt payment of taxes until the close of the seventeenth day of May, 1862; and that all persons paying taxes previous to that time be allowed the same rates of discount as though they had been paid on or before the first day of May; provided that the provisions of this ordinance shall not extend beyond the present year.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution authorizing the Appeal Tax Court to make, or cause to be made, an equitable adjustment of the property of Henry May, situated on Charles, Eager and Morton streets, and running through from Charles street to Morton street, so as to conform, as the law directs, to the uniform rate of taxation of other contiguous property, referring the memorial of Henry May, in relation to taxes paid in error, to the Appeal Tax Court for examination and adjustment, and authorizing the Register to pay to Henry May such sum of money as the said Appeal Tax Court shall certify to be due, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution recommending John P. Fitzpatrick, a deaf mute, of the city of Baltimore, who is under twenty-one years of age, of sound mind, and whose parents are not possessed of means to pay for such instruction, to the Governor of the State of Maryland, as a benificiary for instruction in the

Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, or in the Columbian Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide for an increased supply of water for the city of Baltimore, fixing the water tax and water rates,' approved March 27th, 1862," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, May 9, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Willson and Robb.

Mr. Swindell moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution empowering the Board of Fire Commissioners to dispense with the services of one of the ex-

tramen in Hook and Ladder Companies Nos. 1 and 2, and to appropriate the amount of salary paid to such men, or so much thereof as may be required, as extra pay to one of the present employees, to be designated as "Tiller-man," who shall be subject to such regulations as the Board may adopt for the government of such persons as may be employed, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Miller called up the resolution appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars to the Maryland Institute, to be applied to repainting and repairing the exterior of the Maryland Institute building, and requiring the City Register to honor the draft of the President of the Maryland Institute for that amount, provided the latter shall exhibit to the City Register satisfactory evidence that said sum has been expended for the purpose indicated, which was read.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "five hundred," in the second line, and inserting the words "seven hundred and fifty."

Pending the consideration of the motion to amend,

Mr. Swindell moved that the subject be laid on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, May 9, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide for an increased supply of water for the city of Baltimore, fixing the water tax and water rates, approved March 27th, 1862,'" which was read.

Mr. George moved to amend the ordinance by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "That in the assessment of water tax and water rates on buildings of large front and comparatively small depth, say not exceeding twenty-four feet, the Water Board are hereby authorized to modify the assessment of water rates and water tax, and all buildings assessed on the Assessor's books in the City Appeal Tax Department for a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, shall be exempt from the payment of said water tax," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dean the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

The following ordinance and resolution were this day presented to the Mayor:

An additional supplement to the ordinance for collecting the taxes of the city of Baltimore, and the ordinance providing for the prompt collection of taxes on personal property.

Resolution authorizing the Comptroller to furnish the Marine Hospital certain flags.

Monday, May 12, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Miller called up the resolution appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars to the Maryland Institute, to be applied to repainting and repairing the exterior of the Maryland Institute building, and requiring the City Register to honor the draft of the President of the Maryland Institute for that amount, provided the latter shall exhibit to the City Register satisfactory evidence that said sum has been expended for the purpose indicated.

The question pending, being the motion to amend the resolution by striking out the words "five hundred," in the second line, and inserting the words "seven hundred and fifty,"

Mr. Miller, by unanimous consent, withdrew the amendment from the further consideration of the Branch.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. George:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Miller, Swindell—3.

Nays—Messrs. Dean, Marden, George, Willson, Alricks, Robb, Higgins—7.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance appointing a Collector of taxes, and prescribing his duties," which was read.

Mr. Miller moved to amend the third section of the ordinance by striking out the word "hereinafter," in the eighth line, and inserting the word "herein," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved to further amend the third section of the ordinance by inserting after the word "and," in the eleventh line, the words "in case of the suspension, removal, resignation or death of the City Collector," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb moved to further amend the third section of the ordinance by inserting after the word "removed," in the third line, the words "or suspended for cause," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb moved to further amend the third section of the ordinance by striking out after the word "Council," in the fourth line, to the word "Mayor," inclusive in the sixth line.

Pending the consideration of the motion to amend,

Mr. Robb moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, May 13, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to William C. Hopkins to erect a rough plank or frame shed, ten feet square, one story high, at the west end of dwelling No. 9 N. Calhoun street, were received from the First Branch, and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Sebastian Protzman to retain in use a stable built partly of boards in the rear of his lot No. 11 New street, near Ross street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, with an ordinance entitled "A further supplement to ordinance No. 27 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, being the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to regulate the several markets in the city of Baltimore,' approved July 27, 1858," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Willson moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "six," in the fourth line, and inserting the word "five," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution granting permission to C. H. Poumarat and others to erect a flag staff, one hundred feet high, in the enclosure of Franklin Square, and annex the national flag thereto, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Higgins moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to John J. Boyd to use a frame shed on his premises, No. 5 North Carey street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to authorize the Commissioners of Finance to rent certain lots of ground on East Falls avenue for one year," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Miller moved to re-commit the ordinance to the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution empowering the Board of Fire Commissioners to dispense with the services of one of the extramen in Hook and Ladder Companies Nos. 1 and 2, and to appropriate the amount of salary paid to such men, or so much thereof as may be required, as extra pay to one of the present employees, to be designated as "Tiller-man," who shall be subject to such regulations as the Board may adopt for the government of such persons as may be employed, which was read and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, with a resolution authorizing the Comptroller to have tin valleys placed along the sides of the Lexington market house, and to have the ceilings of the houses white-washed, and appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a seco nd time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of J. W. and E. Patterson and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance making apropriations for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two," was received from the First Branch read and laid on the table.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance appointing a Collector of taxes, and prescribing his duties."

The question pending being the motion to amend the third section of the ordinance by striking out all after the word "Council," in the fourth line, to the word "Mayor," inclusive in the sixth line,

Mr. Robb, by unanimous consent, withdrew the amendment from the further consideration of the Branch.

Mr. Robb moved to amend the eighth section of the ordinance, by striking out all after the word "be," in the seventh line, to the end of the section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "drawn by the City Register, upon an order countersigned by the Mayor and the Comptroller," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb moved to amend the ninth section of the ordinance, by striking out all after the word "in," in the fourth line, to the word "one," inclusive, in the fifth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "all of the regular daily papers published in the city, including those," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb moved to amend the thirteenth section of the ordinance, by striking out all after the word "in," in the twenty-fourth line, to the word "one," inclusive, in the twenty-fifth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "all of the regular daily papers published in the city, (including those," which was determined in the affirmative.

Pending the consideration of the fourteenth section,

Mr. Dean moved to lay the ordinance upon the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, May 14, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Robb moved a reconsideration of the vote on the passage of the ordinance entitled "A further supplement to ordinance No. 27 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, being the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to regulate the several markets in the city of Baltimore,' approved July 27, 1858," which was determined in the negative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, May 14, 1862.

entlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns on Friday evening May 23d, it stand adjourned until Monday evening June 23d, at 3 o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance appointing a Collector of taxes and prescribing his duties."

Mr. Robb moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the seventeenth section, and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

Sec. 17. And be it enacted and ordained, that all taxes shall be considered in arrears if remaining unpaid on and after the first day of February in each and every year, and the Collector shall publish a short notice in all the regular daily papers in the city, to be published for at least ten successive days, that unless said arrears be paid within that time, the same will be liable to be sold at public sale, and the said Collector, at the expiration of such notice, shall cause a list of said taxes in arrears to be made out, with the names of the delinquent, and the amount in arrears, and the year or years for which the same may be due, and shall cause said list to be exhibited in his office; and the Collector previous to any sale for any tax, of whatever kind, shall publish in one daily paper for three times only, a list of such lot or lots to be sold, stating the name of the person or persons so in arrears, the amount

due, and the location of the lot or lots to be embraced whenever practicable in a single line, and at the same time notifying the person or persons in whose name said property may be assessed, that unless said taxes be paid within twenty days' with costs of advertisement, which shall be only *pro rata*, the said list shall be placed into the hands of the surveyor for platting preparatory to actual sale, and the Collector, in addition to the publication of such list, shall for one week publish in all the daily papers, a short notice, stating the name of the paper in which said list may be published at length, and the object of the same. Nothing in this section, however, to be taken or considered as interfering in any manner with any existing enactment for the prompt collection of taxes on personal chattels by distraint or otherwise.

The question being taken on the motion to amend, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved to further amend the ordinance, by inserting the following as the thirtieth section :

Sec. 30. And be enacted and ordained, that in order to afford every facility to tax-payers in ascertaining when any of their property has been sold to pay taxes in arrears as aforesaid, and that they may have the opportunity to redeem the same within the time allowed by law, the City Collector is hereby required to have lists made out within sixty days from the day on which any property may be thus sold, with the date of sale, name of party to whom assessed, location of property, amount of taxes and costs, year or years for which due, amount sold for and name of purchasers, clearly stated ; said lists to be entered in a book kept for the purpose in the Collector's office, each entry embraced in a single line when practicable, and open to the inspection of parties interested, to whom all explanation shall be made by said Collector when so requested, to enable them to identify their property.

The question being taken on the motion to amend, it was determined in the affirmative.

Pending the further consideration of the ordinance,

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk*.

Thursday, May 15, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the compensation of the Mayor of the city," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Dean moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "three," in the fourth line, and inserting the word "two," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, May 15, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully request the return to this Branch for amendment, the ordinance entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the year 1862."

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Robb moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the education of deaf mutes, belonging to the city of Baltimore," which was read.

Mr. Robb moved to strike out the enacting clause of the ordinance, which was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution requesting the Water Board to have a sign board, with the words "Swann Lake" inscribed thereon, placed in a prominent position on each end of the railroad bridge across "Swann Lake," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Dean moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Swann Lake," where they occur in the third and fourth lines, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Lake Roland," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Robert M. Smith to erect wooden sheds for the storage of patroleum oils and other merchandize upon the lot south-west corner of Eutaw and Ostend streets, and upon the lots at the intersection of Russell ond Stockholm streets, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the communications from the Mayor and Fire Inspector, in relation to the manufacture and sale of the "Parlor Match," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution referring the subject of the pottery on the corner of Eden and Hampstead streets, to the City Commissioners and the Fire Inspector, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, May 16, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

Mr. Swindell moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, May 16, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have non-concurred in your proposed amendment to the ordinance entitled "A further supplement to ordinance No. 27 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, being the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to regulate the several markets in the city of Baltimore,' " approved July 27, 1858, and ask the appointment of a committee of conference on the said ordinance on the part of your Branch.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk*.

Mr. Robb moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Robb, Higgins and Marden, as the committee on the part of this Branch.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of William Lamperigs and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Almshouse, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for

the procurement of a site and the erection thereon of an Almshouse and the necessary outbuildings," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A resolution granting permission to the National Union Reading Room Association, to place a frame lantern over the city lamp at the corner of Baltimore and Calvert streets, to designate the locality of their reading rooms, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, May 16, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, May 16, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully request the appointment of a committee of Conference on the disagreement between the two Branches on

the resolution to appropriate five hundred dollars to aid in the repainting of the Maryland Institute.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Robb moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Robb, Swindell and Miller, as the committee on the part of this Branch.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance appointing a Collector of taxes, and prescribing his duties."

Mr. Robb moved a reconsideration of the vote, on the motion substituting a new section in lieu of the seventeenth section, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion to amend,

Mr. Robb, by unanimous consent, withdrew the amendment from the further consideration of the Branch.

Mr. Robb moved to amend the seventeenth section of the ordinance by striking out the word "three," in the third line, and inserting the word "two," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb moved to further amend the seventeenth section of the ordinance, by inserting at the end thereof the words "and the Collector in addition to the publication of such list, shall for one week publish in all the other daily papers, a short notice, stating the name of the papers in which said list may be published at length, and the object of the same," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, May 19, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, May 19, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch :

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the acceptance of the accompanying invitation of the President of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company, and the appointment of a Joint Special Committee of two members from each Branch to name the time and make arrangements for the contemplated visit.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs Dean and George, as the committee on the part of this Branch.

A resolution requesting the Mayor to issue a proclamation to the citizens of Baltimore to display from their houses and shipping the national flag on the fourth day of July next; to have the bells of the city rung and a national salute fired at sunrise, noon and sunset; to make arrangements for a display of fireworks at various localities, between the hours of eight and eleven o'clock P. M., and appropriating one thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the several objects contemplated, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to W. F. H. Onion to erect and use a small steam engine not to exceed four horse power, on the north-west corner of his premises corner of Lombard street and Central avenue, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of C. E. Brooke & Co., were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay to John W. Maxwell & Co., the sum of four hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-one cents, for work done and materials furnished in the erection of a temporary stable in the jail yard &c., were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject of applying one-tenth of the income derived from the City Passenger Railways to the improvement of Patterson's Park, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Miller, from the Joint Standing on Claims, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read and laid on the table.

The Joint Standing Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Ahern, asking indemnity for certain lots of ground designated as lots numbered 39, 40, 41 & 51, purchased by him at a public sale made by Wm. Thomas Valiant, a former Collector, on the 1st day of October 1858; for which said purchases, deeds and memorandum of sale, for considerations therein expressed, were issued to and are held by said Ahern from said City Collector, which deeds and memoranda of sales were subsequently made void by the Court of Appeals in its decision —Sept. term 1861—in the case of "the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore vs. George U. Porter," to which reference is asked;—beg leave respectfully to state, that the said claims involve features of peculiar interest and intricacy, and have received the utmost care and consideration on the part of your committee, who are satisfied, after maturer eflection, of the justness of Mr. Aherns demand to be refunded the several sums of money expressed in said deeds, with interest &c., for the reason that the city is unable,

from the circumstance recited, to perform her part of a contract with him. They therefore respectfully submit the following resolution:

D. H. MILLER,
JAS. B. GEORGE, Sr.,
JOSEPH ROBB,

Second Branch.

D. H. HOOPES,
WM. SULLIVAN,

First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Register be and he is hereby authorized to pay to John Ahern, the several sums of money noted as received from him for his several purchases of property, made at the City Collector's sale 1st Oct. 1858, viz: For lot designated as No. 51, $1027.15; for lot designated as No. 40, $163.09; for lot designated as No. 41, $4236.58; for lot designated as No. 39, $2487.36; amounting together, to the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and fourteen dollars and eighteen cents, with the legal interest thereon from date or dates of payments and expenses of deeds and taxes, if any paid by said Ahern; the city having failed to make good her titles in said sales. The said sum so ordered to be paid, to be provided for in the levy of 1863.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, May 20, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, May 20, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the reference of the accompanying report of the 'Sewerage Commission' to a Joint Special Committee, and have named Messrs. Norris, Sauerwein and Schwartz, on the part of this Branch.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Marden moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Marden, Miller and Higgins, as the committee on the part of this Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, May 20, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, to refer the accompanying communication from B. H. Latrobe, Esq., President of Pittsburgh, Connellsville Railroad Company, to the Joint Special Committee appointed to fix the time and make arrangements for the proposed visit to Pittsburgh and the West.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. George, from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read.

The Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to who was referred the petition of L. Bierbower to erect a small engine on his premises south-east corner of Montgomery and William streets, beg leave to report favorably on said petition and offer the following resolution:

JAS. B. GEORGE, Sr.,
JOSEPH ROBB,
ASA HIGGINS,
Second Branch

JAMES YOUNG,
JOHN DUKEHART,
First Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that permission be and is hereby granted to L. Bierbower to put up a small engine on his premises south-east corner of Montgomery and William streets, and use the same, provided the same shall not exceed four horse power.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Messrs. Dukehart and Burke appeared as a committee, and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the invitation was accepted and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Francis B. Capron and Edward Snowden, trading under the firm of Capron & Co., to complete and continue in use their manufactory of coal oil from petroleum and other substances, in the building erected by them on the east side of North street, south of Chase street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Robb called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two," which was read.

Mr. Robb moved to amend the ordinance by inserting after the word "dollars," in the fifty-eighth line, the words "provided that no part of the money so appropriated shall be expended, unless the City Commissioners shall first advertise in at least two of the daily newspapers, inviting proposals for the repairs to be done to the streets, and award the contract or contracts for the execution of the same to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. George moved to further amend the ordinance by adding thereto the words "for flags at the Marine Hospital, as per resolution No. 66, approved May 10, 1862, thirty dollars," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution requesting the Mayor to issue a proclamation to the citizens of Baltimore to display from their houses and shipping the national flag on the fourth day of July next, to have the bells of the city rung and a national salute fired at sunrise, noon and sunset; to make arrangements for a display of fireworks at various localities, between the hours of eight and eleven o'clock P. M., and appropriating one thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the several objects contemplated, which was read.

Mr. Robb moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "sunset," in the seventh line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Resolved further, that a Joint Select Committee, consisting of two members of each Branch of the City Council, be appointed to make arrangements for a display of fireworks between the hours of eight and eleven o'clock P M. of that day, at the corner of Baltimore street and Broadway, Madison Square, Federal Hill, Union Square and Monument Square, and that said committee be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the Register for the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much as may be necessary to defray the expenses thereof, to be taken out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The question being taken on the motion to amend, it was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, May 21, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

Mr. George called up the resolution authorizing the Register to pay to John Ahern the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and fourteen dollars and eighteen cents, which was read.

Mr. Alricks moved that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed for the present, which was determined in the negative.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, it was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, May 21, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have named Messrs. Kirkwood, Mules and Sullivan as the Committee of Conference on the part of this Branch on the disagreement between the two Branches on the supplementary ordinance to regulate the several markets in the city of Baltimore.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk*.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, May 21, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have named Messrs. Dukehart, Young and Cromer, as the Committee of Conference on the part of this Branch on the disagreement between the two Branches on the rssolution appropriating five hundred dollars to aid the President and Managers of Maryland Institute to paint the outside of the Institute building.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk*.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, May 21, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have named Messrs. Dukehart and Hoopes, as the committee on the part of this Branch to name the time and make arrangements for the contemplated visit to Pittsburg and the North-West.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

A resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives of the State of Maryland in the Congress of the United States, to use their efforts to obtain the passage of an act in the present Congress, appropriating the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for improving and deepening the channel of the Patapsco river and Chespeake Bay, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution authorizing the Comptroller to purchase from John Murphy & Co., one hundred copies of the "Supplement to the Maryland Code," for the use of the officers of the corporation and the members and officers of the City Council, and appropriating the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars to meet the expense of the same, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution authorizing the Comptroller to have the entrance way of the old City Hall and the ceiling of the First Branch chamber whitewashed, and appropriating the sum of twenty-five dollars to pay for the same, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution empowering the Board of Fire Commissioners to contract for the building of a new steam engine of lighter weight than No. 6, and to endeavor to dispose of the one now used by that company in part payment, and appropriating the sum of three thousand dollars for the payment of the same, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Health, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Frederick Ditzel and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with an ordinance entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to authorize the construction of a railway track on Chester and Alice Anna streets,' approved April 18, 1862," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution directing the City Commissioners to have the sewer on Division street, near Wilson street, properly repaired, and appropriating the sum of fifty dollars to pay for the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, May 22, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Willson and Miller.

Mr. Robb offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Fire Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and directed to have a stable erected on the lot in the rear of the house formerly occupied by the Watchman Fire Company, on Montgomery street, and have the front house altered and arranged for the purpose of being occupied by a Steam Engine Company; and when finished, they shall cause No. 2. Engine, with all the apparatus and fixtures thereunto attached or required, and now on hand or used, to be removed to the Engine House on Montgomery street, and occupy that house in future, and that the sum of eighteen hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated for said alterations, the same to be taken out of the appropriation of 1863.

Resolved further, that the Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to dispose of the engine house on Barre street, when No. 2 engine shall have been removed, and to place the proceeds in the City Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, May 22, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your amendment to the resolution providing for a display of fireworks on the ensuing anniversary of our National Independence, and have named Messrs. Mules and Evans, as the committee of arrangements on the part of this Branch.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

The President appointed Messrs. Robb and George, as the Joint Select Committee on the part of this Branch to make arrangements for a display of fireworks on the evening of the ensuing fourth of July.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay to the widow of Dr. B. B. Harrison, late vaccine physician for the 17th and 18th wards, the sum of seventy five dollars, being the amount of his salary for six months, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Health, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to ordinance No. 17 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, entitled 'An ordinance for the due performance of quarantine at the port of Baltimore, &c.,' approved May 31st, 1858," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Charles Fellers to erect a one story frame shed on his premises on the east side of Spring street, between Gough and Bank streets, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Committee of Conference on the disagreement between the two Branches in relation to the ordinance supplementary to the ordinance to regulate the several markets in the city, with an ordinance entitled "A further supplement to ordinance No. 27 of the Revised Ordinances of 1858, being the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to regulate the several markets in the city of Baltimore,' approved July 27th, 1858," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the report was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday May, 23, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Dean offered the following resolution, which was read

Whereas, the compensation of the Clerk of the Second Branch of the City Council was fixed at the time of the organization of the Branch, at five dollars per day, and, whereas, the minimum compensation allowed during a long series of years has never been less than six dollars per day, therefore,

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the compensation of the Clerk of this Branch be and is hereby increased to six dollars per diem.

Resolved further, that the sum of fifty dollars be allowed to the doorkeeper of this Branch in addition to his per diem, for the present session.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. Alricks offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Clerk of this Branch be and he is hereby directed to return upon the diary roll, the names of James B. George Sr., and Joseph Robb, as entitled respectively to the sum of four dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of expenses incurred and money paid by them whilst attending to the business of the City Council at the city of Annapolis, during the recent session of the General Assembly of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

Mr. Robb offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Clerk of this Branch be and he is hereby directed to return the per diem roll of the Branch, after the Branch shall have adjourned this afternoon, as though it had adjourned sine die; and that the Register of the city be and he is hereby directed to pay to the members and officers of the Branch such amount as said Clerk shall certify to be due.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A report from the Joint Special Committee appointed to fix the time for the contemplated visit of the City Council to Pittsburg and Chicago, stating that they have agreed upon Monday the 9th of June as the day for leaving Baltimore, with a resolution providing that the committee be continued with instructions to make all such further arrangements as may be necessary, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Willson offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the thanks of this Branch are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Charles J. Baker, Esq., for the dignified and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of President of the Branch.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and unanimously adopted.

The First Branch returned the resolution authorizing and directing the Fire Commissioners to have a stable erected on the lot in the rear of Watchman Fire Company, on Montgomery street, and to have the front house altered, and to cause No. 2 Engine, with all the apparatus, &c., on hand to be removed to said engine-house; appropriating eighteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same, and instructing the Comptroller to dispose of the engine-house on Barre street, and to place the proceeds in the city treasury, endorsed "non-concurred in."

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, May 23d, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that the proceedings of the two Branches, providing that when the Council adjourns on the afternoon of the 23d May, it stand adjourned until the afternoon of the 23d June 1862, at three o'clock, be rescinded, and that when the Council adjourns this afternoon it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon June 30th, at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL *Clerk*.

Mr. Robb moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution directing the Water Board to place public hydrants in such localities as in their judgment may be deemed expedient, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to James E. Davis to erect a one story frame shed on the northwest corner of his coal yard, on the corner of Central avenue and Gough street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, May 23, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that this Branch has completed its business before it and is about to adjourn. We would inquire of your Branch if you have any business pending requiring our attention.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Miller moved that the Clerk be directed to answer the message, and to inform the First Branch that this Branch has no further business to present for their consideration, and awaited their pleasure to adjourn the City Council, until the time agreed upon by the action of the two Branches.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, June 30th, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, June 30, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

Mr. George presented the petition of Jacob D Sumwalt, asking permission to coutinue in use a certain frame shed in the rear of his premises No. 17 Townsend street, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

The President laid before the Branch a communication from John Dukehart and others, a committee of citizens, inviting the members of the Branch to participate in the celebratiou of the ensuing anniversary of American Independence, in Mount Vernon Place, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Alricks moved that the invitation be accepted, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, July 1, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

Mr. George, from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read :

The Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob D. Sumwalt, to continue in use the small shed erected in the rear of his premises No. 17 west side of Townsend street, report favorably on said application, and offer the following resolution :

JAMES YOUNG,
JOHN DUKEHART,
JOHN BARRON,
First Branch.

JAS. E. GEORGE, Sr.,
ASA HIGGINS,
JOSEPH ROBB,
Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that permission be and is hereby granted to Jacob D. Sumwalt, to continue in use his shed in the rear of his premises No. 17, on the west side of Townsend street, the same to be removed at any time after three months notice to that effect shall have been given by the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, July 2, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

The First Branch returned the resolution granting permission to Jacob D. Sumwalt to continue in use a certain frame shed in the rear of his premises, No. 17 Townsend street, endorsed "concurred in."

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, July 3, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

Mr. Swindell moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table :

Whereas, deeming it a matter of interest to the citizens, that the benefits of our beautiful Park should be availed of to the fullest extent, and as the great difficulty in the way is the absence of the facilities of the Passenger Railway on Sunday, the only day when our whole population is at liberty to enjoy the Park, the subjoined resolution, to take the sense of the people on the subject, is offered for the action of the City Council.

Not to avoid any responsibility belonging to the City Council, but simply to take the sense of the people on the subject, it being proper that they should have an opportunity afforded them of directly expressing their sentiments on a matter of so much interest to them. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that for one week previous to the next municipal election, the Mayor shall publish in all the daily papers a request to such voters as favor the running of the cars on Sunday, to inscribe "aye" on their ballots ; and to such voters as are opposed to the running of the cars on Sunday to inscribe "no" on their ballots ; and that the judges and clerks be required to keep count and make returns of said ballots, but no ballot shall be counted for or against the running of the cars, upon which "aye" or "no" shall not have been inscribed.

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, July 3d, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch :

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns on Monday evening, the 14th instant, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon, September 1st, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. George moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution appropriating the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to defray the expenses of having the roof of the chamber of the First Branch properly repaired and ventilated, and the ceiling frescoed, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Mayor in carrying out the provisions of the third section of the ordinance relating to dogs, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Henry Baetger, to continue in use a one story open frame shed in the rear of his premises on Dallas street, north of Gough street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, July 3, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon next, at 5 o"clock.

By order,
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, July 7, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Buschman & Weber and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to the Trustees of the African M. E. Church to erect a one-story frame addition to their church on Stockton alley, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prevent officers of the corporation from being engaged in any work for the city, or the furnishing of supplies for any Institution under the control of the corporation," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. Robb called up the resolution relative to taking the sense of the people, at the ensuing municipal election, on the subject of running the cars of the Passenger Railway on Sundays, which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, July 8, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Miller.

Mr. Alricks presented the claim of G. L. Dulaney, for compensation for services in the Court of Appeals, in the cases of Eschbach and the Miners' and Merchants' Transportation Company against the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to appoint a Comptroller of the city of Baltimore, and prescribing his duties,'" approved May 31st, 1858, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, July 9, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—All the members except CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and Messrs. Willson and Miller.

On motion of Mr. George, Francis W. Alricks, Esq., was appointed President pro tem.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to L. D. Taylor, to erect a frame addition upon a small one story brick back building on his premises No. 167 East Madison street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to John Bayer to put up an eight horse steam engine on the premises occupied by him, No. 392 Canton avenue, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to John W. Delcher, to remove an old stable and to erect a new one-story frame stable and carriage shed on his premises on Central avenue, at the intersection of Harford avenue, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance directing the Register of the city of Baltimore to pay the interest due on the Bonds or Certificates of Loan on the North-Western Virginia Rail Road Company, guaranteed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of J. Thomas Adams, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for the procurement of a site and the erection thereon of an Almshouse and the necessary out-buildings,'" approved May 20, 1862, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Robb moved that the ordinance be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Almshouse, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dean called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to appoint a Comptroller of the city of Baltimore, and prescribing his duties,'" approved May 31st, 1858, which was read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, July 10, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Willson and Miller.

Mr. Higgins moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to the

ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for the procurement of a site and the erection thereon of an Almshouse and the necessary out-buildings,'" approved May 20, 1862, was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Almshouse, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dean called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prevent officers of the corporation from being engaged in any work for the city, or the furnishing of supplies for any Institution under the control of the corporation," which was read and passed.

Mr. Dean offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to rent, on such terms as he shall deem most advantageous to the interests of the city, the property owned by the corporation, known as the Goldsborough Farm, and deposit such amount as shall be received for the rent of said farm, in the hands of the Register, for the use of the city.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Education, with a resolution authorizing the Commissioners of Public Schools to build and furnish a school house on the lot belonging to the city on Mullikin street, in the rear of the Eastern Female High School building, and appropriating the sum of five thousand eight hundred dollars to defray the expenses thereof, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Branches on the resolution appropriating a sum of money to aid in painting and repairing the

Maryland Institute Hall, with a resolution anthorizing the Register to pay to the Board of Managers of the Maryland Institute, the sum of eight hundred dollars to aid in painting and repairing the Maryland Institute Hall, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, July 11, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Willson and Miller.

Mr. Swindell moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. George offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the Water Engineer be and he is hereby directed to have the pump at the corner of Bond and Abbott streets put in good repair, the expense of which to be taken out of the appropriation for repairs of pumps.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the subject of the corporation issuing small notes, to be used as a currency, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Robb moved that the resolution be recommitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, and that the committee be instructed to report an ordinance authorizing the issue of small notes of the denominations of twenty-five cents and fifty cents, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Robb:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Alricks, Robb, Higgins—6.

Nays—Messrs. George, Swindell—2.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Education, with a resolution authorizing the Commissioners of Public Schools to alter and enlarge school house No. 6, situated on Ross street, and appropriating the sum of two thousand six hundred and fifty dollars to defray the expense thereof, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph H. Amey and others. were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay to Samuel Ready the sum of three thousand three hundred dollars, with interest on the same from the 3d day of September, 1861, in full satisfaction and discharge of the balance due on a Mortgage dated March 3d, 1857, payable five years after date, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution granting permission to Elias Stouffer to dig a sink in the alley or court running between Saratoga and Josephine streets, and Arch street and the lot of ground belonging to the Blind Asylum, for the purpose of draining another well, the work to be done to the satisfaction of and under the superintendence of the City Commissioners, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution granting permission to Steiner, Bros. & Co. to dig a sink on the pavement in front of their property on Liberty street, for the purpose of draining the cellar of their warehouse, the work to be done to the satisfaction of and under the superintendence of the City Commissioners, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, July 11, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the reference of the accompanying communication from B. H. Latrobe, Esq., President of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company, to a Joint Special Committee.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Dean, Robb and Alricks as the committee on the part of this Branch.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, July 11, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that the proceedings of the two Branches, providing that when the Council adjourns on the evening of the 14th of July, instant, it stand adjourned until the afternoon of Monday, September the 1st, be rescinded, and that when the Council adjourns on Friday evening, the 18th of July, instant, it stand adjourned until the afternoon of September the 1st, at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, July 11, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday July, 14, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members.

The First Branch returned the resolution directing the Water Engineer to repair the pump at the corner of Abbott and Bond streets, endorsed "concurred in."

The First Branch returned the resolution authorizing the Comptroller to rent the Goldsborough Farm, endorsed "concurred in with proposed amendment."

Amendment proposed:

Insert after the word "rent," in the third line, the words "for a time not exceeding one year."

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposed amendment, which was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution authorising the Register to pay James Polk the sum of eight thousand dollars as full value for lots marked C and D on the plat of Battery Square, returned by the commissioners who made the valuation in 1855, provided that before payment is made, the said James Polk shall execute a deed, in fee simple, of said lots, with a general warranty title to be approved by the City Counsellor, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time by special order.

Mr. Alricks moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "eight thousand," in the third line, and inserting the words "eight thousand six hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-two cents."

Mr. Swindell moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "eight thousand six hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-two cents," and inserting the words "six thousand five hundred dollars," which was determined in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Dean:

Yeas.—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Alricks—4.

Nays.—Messrs. George, Willson, Miller, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—6

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution,

Mr. Swindell moved that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Dean :

Yeas.—Messrs. George, Willson, Robb, Swindell—4.

Nays.—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Alricks, Miller, Higgins—6.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, it was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Swindell :

Yeas.—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Alricks—4.

Nays.—Messrs. George, Willson, Miller, Robb, Swindell, Higgins—6.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Water, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of William H. Kennard and others, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to John R. Seving to add an additional story to a one-story frame building on the north-west side of Mosher street, between Chatsworth and Walsh streets, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to William Durham to erect a brick stable and carriage house on his premises on Garden street, between Biddle and Preston streets, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Alricks, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to condemn and open Walnut alley, from Rose alley to Pear alley," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A resolution authorizing the Comptroller to purchase fifty copies of the Supplement to the Maryland Code for the use of the Officers of the Corporation and Members and Officers of the City Council, and appropriating the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to defray the expense thereof, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, July 15, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Willson and Miller.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution authorizing the Comptroller to have the Battle Monument repaired and cleaned down, and the iron railing enclosing the same painted, and appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars to defray the expense thereof, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution appropriating the sum of twelve dollars for the purchase of a national flag, to be used at the Eastern Spring, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, July 16, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—All the members except CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and Mr. Robb.

On motion of Mr. George, FRANCIS W. ALRICKS, Esq., was appointed President pro tem.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of the Harbor Masters in relation to the collection of rents on all the wharf property of the city, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Marden called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to condemn and open Walnut alley, from Rose alley to Pear alley, which was read.

Mr. Dean moved to amend the second section of the ordinance, by inserting after the word "to," in the seventh line, the words "streets in," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Willson, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, July 17, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

Mr. Miller moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, requesting the return to this Branch of the resolution authorizing the Register to pay James Polk a certain sum of money as full value for lots C and D on the plat of Battery Square, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Internal Improvements, with an ordinance entitled "A supplement to ordinance No. 57, of the year 1854, entitled 'An ordinance to aid in the completion of a continuous line of Railway from Sunbury, in Pennsylvania, to tide water at Baltimore," passed in June, 1854," were received from the First Branch and read.

Mr. Miller moved that the rules be suspended in order to give the ordinance a second reading, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Miller :

Yeas—Messrs. Dean, Marden, George, Alricks, Miller, Swindell, Higgins—7.

Nays—Messrs. President, Robb—2.

Mr. Dean moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "sixty-seven," in the seventh line of the first section, and inserting the word "sixty-six," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dean moved to further amend the ordinance, by striking out all after the word "permit," in the eighth line of the fourth section, to the end of the section, which was determined in the affirmative.

Pending the consideration of the fifth section,

Mr. Miller moved that the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed until to-morrow afternoon, which was determined in the affirmative.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by the late order of the War Department, and to make an appropriation as a bounty to such volunteers who may be mustered into the service of the United States in any of said regiments raised in Baltimore city," was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, July 17, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have complied with your request for the return to your Branch of the resolution relating to the proposed purchase from James Polk of lots marked C and D on the plat of Battery Square, and herewith return the same.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. George moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution was non-concurred in, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. Alricks, to strike out the words "eight thousand," in the third line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "eight thousand six hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty-two cents," was determined in the negative, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion to amend, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Swindell:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Alricks, Miller, Higgins—6.

Nays—Messrs. George, Robb, Swindell—3.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. George:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Alricks, Miller, Higgins—6.

Nays—Messrs. George, Robb, Swindell—3.

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

The following resolutions were this day presented to the Mayor:

Resolution granting permission to Jacob D. Sumwalt to continue in use a frame shed.

Resolution directing the Comptroller to rent the Goldsborough Farm.

Resolution directing the Water Engineer to repair a certain pump.

Friday, July 18, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Willson and Swindell.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to authorize the issue of certificates in the name of the city of Baltimore," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Robb:

Yea—Mr. Robb—1.

Nays—Messrs. Dean, Marden, George, Alricks, Miller, Higgins—6.

Mr Dean called up the ordinance entitled "A supplement to ordinance No. 57, of the year 1854, entitled 'An ordinance to aid in the completion of a continuous line of railway from Sunbury, in Pennsylvania, to tide water at Baltimore,' passed in June, 1854."

Mr. Dean moved to amend the fifth section of the ordinance, by striking out all after the word "Baltimore," in the fourteenth line, to the end of the section, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Robb moved to amend the sixth section, by striking out the words "the three preceding sections of," in the sixth line, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Miller moved to further amend the sixth section, by inserting after the word "ordinance," in the sixth and seventh lines, the words "after thirty days notice by the Mayor of such neglect or refusal," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Special Committee on the memorial of Benj. H. Latrobe, Esq., President of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Rail Road Company, with a resolution authorizing the Register of the city to sell the stock of the city of Baltimore in which the sinking fund for the redemption of the $1,000,000 loan to the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Rail Road Company, amounting to $17,148.06, is invested, and to apply the proceeds of said sale to the taking up of coupons due on the mortgage bonds issued by said Company, to the extent of $12,000, and the remainder to the said company, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to have the grade of Stricker street, where it intersects with Baltimore street, so altered as to cause the water to flow down Stricker to Booth street, and to change the gutters in Booth street to the centre of the street, and to alter the grade of Calhoun street, at the intersection of the south side of Baltimore street, so as to cause the water to flow down Calhoun street, and appropriating the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the expense of the same, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of the Mayor in carrying out the provisions of the ordinance relating to dogs, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution appropriating one hundred and fifty dollars to W. E. W. Ross, captain of the Baltimore City Guards, and a similar sum to James W. Brady, captain of the Union Guards, for the use of their respective companies, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and non-concurred in.

A resolution directing the City Commissioners to have the shute at the lower end of Low street, at Jones' Falls, enlarged, and appropriating the sum of fifty dollars to pay for the same, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Marden, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution referring the petition of John A. Robb, in relation to taxes paid in error, to the Appeal Tax Court, and authorizing the Register to pay to said Robb such amount as said Appeal Tax Court shall certify to be due, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Robb, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate the storage of crude Rock or Earth Oils, Petroleum, Kerosene, Naptha and Benzone," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to James Hughes to continue in use the frame carriage shed in the rear of his dwelling on Arch street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the communication of B. H. Latrobe, Esq., President of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Rail Road Company, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, July 18, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that this Branch has completed the business before it, and is about to adjourn. We would inquire if you have any further business pending requiring our attention?

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Miller moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, in answer to their message, stating that this Branch has no further business to present for their consideration, and is prepared to adjourn until the first Monday of September, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, September 1st, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

(CALLED SESSION.)

Tuesday, July 22, 1862.

The Second Branch of the City Council assembled in their chamber, in Special Session, at five o'clock this afternoon, in pursuance of the summons of his Honor John Lee Chapman, ex-officio Mayor.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Willson.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, July 22, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a Joint Special Committee to wait upon the Mayor and inform him that the Council is now in session, and ready to receive any communication he may have to make, and have appointed on the part of this Branch, Messrs. Sauerwein, Mules and Barron.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Dean, Robb and George as the committee on the part of this Branch.

Mr. Dean, from the Joint Special Committee appointed to wait upon the ex-officio Mayor, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that his Honor would communicate with the Council in the course of a few minutes.

The following communication from the ex-officio Mayor was received from the First Branch:

MAYOR'S OFFICE—CITY HALL,
Baltimore, July 22, 1862.

To the Honorable the Members of the First and Second Branches of the City Council of Baltimore:

GENTLEMEN:

At the request of many influential citizens, and in obedience to what I conceive to be an imperative duty, I have called you together for the purpose of taking into consideration the ordinance passed at your last session by the First Branch and laid on the table in the Second Branch, directing the Register to borrow on the credit of the city, $300,000, for volunteers in the Regiments authorized to be raised in the State of Maryland This bill doubtless needs perfecting in some of its parts, and I would respectfully suggest that the loan should take the form of city stock, redeemable in 1882 or 1892, and that a sinking fund be established for its redemption. Public sentiment imperatively demands the passage of this ordinance, or one having the same object in view, and I beg your Honorable Body to give the subject an immediate and favorable consideration.

The Government and people of the loyal states are engaged in a mighty struggle for the existence and perpetuity of the Republic. Free Institutions and all that we hold dear are at stake, and when the Rebellion is crushed, and peace and Union once more prevail, it must not be said that our city failed to do her whole duty.

With great respect,
Your obed't servant,

JOHN LEE CHAPMAN,
Ex-Officio Mayor.

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by the late order of the War Department, and to make an appropriation as a bounty to such volunteers who may be mustered into the service of the United States in any of said regiments raised in Baltimore city," which was read.

Pending the consideration of the ordinance,

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, July 22, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully request the return to this Branch, for the purpose of amendment, of the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by the late order of the War Department, and to make an appropriation as a bounty to such volunteers who may be mustered into the service of the United States in any of said regiments raised in Baltimore city."

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Dean moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The ordinance was returned to the First Branch.

The ordinance was again received from the First Branch and read, as amended by that body, and

The question being taken on the passage of the ordinance, it was determined in the negative.

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, July 22, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully request the appointment of a Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Branches on the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by the late order of the War Department, and to make an appropriation as a bounty to such volunteers who may be mustered into the service of the United States in any of said regiments raised in Baltimore city," and have named Messrs. Dukehart, Cromer and Young as the committee on the part of this Branch.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. George moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. George, Robb and Swindell as the committee on the part of this Branch.

On motion of Mr. Swindell, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, July 23, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Alricks and Swindell.

A resolution appropriating the sum of fifty dollars to defray the expenses of altering and repairing the gutters on Hampstead street, between Eden street and Central avenue, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Dean, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Committee of Conference on the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several Regiments now being raised by the late order of the War Department, and to make an appropriation as a bounty to such volunteers who may be mustered into the service of the United States in any of said Regiments raised in Baltimore city," with a recommendation that the ordinance be passed without amendment, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. George, the report was read a second time, by special order, and non-concurred in by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. George :

Yeas—Messrs. George, Robb—2.

Nays—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden, Willson, Miller, Higgins—6.

Mr. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate the storage of crude Rock or Earth Oils, Petroleum, Kerosene, Naptha and Benzone," which was read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, July 24, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Mr. George.

Absent—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and Messrs. Dean, Marden, Willson, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell and Higgins.

There being no quorum present,

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, July 25, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Mr. George.

Absent—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and Messrs. Dean, Marden, Willson, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell and Higgins.

There being no quorum present,

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Saturday, July 26, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Mr. George.

Absent CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and Messrs. Dean, Marden, Willson, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell and Higgins.

There not being a quorum present,

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, July 28, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Mr. George.

Absent—CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, and Messrs. Dean, Marden, Willson, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell and Higgins.

There not being a quorum present,

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, July 29, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—James B. George, Sr., Esq.

The Clerk announced the reception of the following communication from the Ex-officio Mayor :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Baltimore, July 29th, 1862.

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, Esq., *Clerk*
of the Second Branch of the City Council :

SIR :—

I have received the resignation of Messrs. Charles J. Baker, William Dean, Jesse Marden, John W. Willson, Francis W. Alricks, Decatur H. Miller, Joseph Robb, William Swindell and Asa Higgins, members of the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore.

JOHN LEE CHAPMAN,
Ex-Officio Mayor.

The Branch being left without a quorum, in consequence of the resignation of nine of the members,

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, July 30, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—James B. George, Sr., Esq.,

The Branch being without a quorum, in consequence of the resignation of nine of the members,

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, July 31, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—James B. George, Sr., Esq.

The Branch being without a quorum, in consequence of the resignation of nine of the members.

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, August 1, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—James B. George, Sr., Esq.

The Branch being without a quorum, in consequence of the resignation of nine of the members,

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Saturday, August 2, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—James B. George, Sr., Esq.

The Branch being without a quorum, in consequence of the resignation of nine of the members,

On motion of Mr. George, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, August 4, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—James B. George, Sr., Esq., member from the Fifth and Sixth Wards.

The following named gentlemen having been elected to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of William Dean, Jesse Marden, John W. Willson, Francis W. Alricks, Decatur H. Miller, Charles J. Baker, Joseph Robb, William Swindell and Asa Higgins—and having previously taken and subscribed the oath required by law—appeared and took their seats as members of the Branch :

William M. Newton,.....1st and 2d Wards.
William E. Hooper, ...3d and 4th Wards.
Joseph Roberts, ...7th and 8th Wards.
Gerard T. Hopkins,.....9th and 10th Wards.
Haslett McKim,.....11th and 12th Wards.
Charles W. George,.....13th and 14th Wards.
Thomas H. Evans,.....15th and 16th Wards.
John J. Danaker,.....17th and 18th Wards.
Charles H. Poumairat,.....19th and 20th Wards.

The position of President of the Branch having become vacant in consequence of the resignation of Charles J. Baker, Esq.,

On motion of Mr. Danaker, James B. George, Sr. was appointed President *pro tem.*

Mr. Hooper moved that the Branch proceed to the election of a President, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Hooper nominated Joseph Roberts, Esq.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the ballot was dispensed with, and JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq. was unanimously chosen President of the Branch.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Danaker and Hooper a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

On taking the chair, the President returned his thanks to the members of the Branch for the honor conferred upon him.

The President appointed Messrs. Hooper and Poumairat a committee on the election and qualification of the newly elected members of the Branch.

Mr. Newton called up the resolution granting permission to C. H. Poumairat and others, to erect a flag staff, one hundred feet high, in the enclosure of Franklin Square and annex the national flag thereto, which was concurred in.

A resolution appropriating the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the special election for members of the Second Branch of the City Council, held August 1st, 1862, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Poumairat called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the appointment of Commissioners for deepening and improving the channel in the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River," which was passed.

A resolution requesting the Marshal of Police to have the first and second sections of the ordinance relating to dogs, promptly and strictly enforced, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. James B. George offered the following resolution, which was read :

Resolved by the First and Second Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Mayor be respectfully requested to return to the First Branch, for the purpose of reconsideration and amendment, the ordinance now on his table, entitled "An ordinance to regulate the storage of Crude Rock or Earth oils, Petroleum, Kerosene, Naptha and Benzone."

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Newton, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, August 5, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Hooper, from the Special Committee on the election and qualification of members of the Branch, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read :

The Special Committee appointed to examine into the matter of the election and qualifications of the newly elected mem-

bers of the Second Branch of the City Council, chosen to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of nine of the members, respectfully report that they have discharged the duty assigned them, and find that Messrs.

William M. Newton,.....1st and 2d Wards,
William E. Hooper, ...3d and 4th Wards,
Joseph Roberts,.....7th and 8th Wards,
Gerard T. Hopkins,.....9th and 10th Wards,
Haslett McKim,.....11th and 12th Wards,
Charles W. George,.....13th and 14th Wards,
Thomas H. Evans, ...15th and 16th Wards,
John J. Danaker, ...17th and 18th Wards,
Charles H. Poumairat, ...19th and 20th Wards,

have been duly elected.

They also find that the gentlemen above named possess the requisite property qualifications to entitle them to seats as members of the Branch.

The committee present the following resolution :

WM. E. HOOPER,
C. H. POUMAIRAT,
Committee.

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, That Messrs. William M. Newton, William E. Hooper, Joseph Roberts, Gerard T. Hopkins, Haslett McKim, Charles W. George, Thomas H. Evans, John J. Danaker and Charles H. Poumairat, have been duly elected, and possessing the requisite property qualifications, they are hereby declared to be entitled to their seats as members of the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore.

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

The President appointed the following Joint Standing and Joint Select Committees:

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES:

Ways and Means—Wm. E. Hooper, James B. George, Sr., Chas. H. Poumairat.

Highways—John J. Danaker, Wm. M. Newton, Chas. W. George.

City Property—James B. George, Sr., Thos. H. Evans, Gerard T. Hopkins.

Bridges—Wm. M. Newton, John J. Danaker, Chas. W. George.

Harbor—Gerard T. Hopkins, Chas. H. Poumairat, Thos. H. Evans.

Claims—Haslett McKim, Chas. W. George, James B. George, Sr.

Health—Chas. W. George, Wm. M. Newton, Wm. E. Hooper.

Markets—Thomas. H. Evans, Gerard T. Hopkins, John J. Danaker.

Water—Chas. H. Poumairat, Chas. W. George, Haslett McKim.

Police and Jail—Wm. E. Hooper, Haslett McKim, Thos.H. Evans.

Fire Department—James B. George, Sr., Chas. H. Poumairat, John J. Danaker.

Internal Improvements—Haslett McKim, Gerard T. Hopkins, Wm. E. Hooper.

Education—Chas. H. Poumairat, Jas. B. George, Sr., Haslett McKim.

Almshouse—Wm. M. Newton, Gerard T. Hopkins, John J. Danaker.

Commerce—Wm. E. Hooper, Haslett McKim, Chas. H. Poumairat.

McDonogh Bequest—James B. George, Sr., Thos. H. Evans, Wm. M. Newton.

Enrollment—Chas. W. George, Thos. H. Evans.

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES:

Register's Office and Accounts—Chas. H. Poumairat, Wm. E Hooper, Wm. M. Newton.

Commissioners of Finance Accounts—James B. George, Sr., Gerard T. Hopkins, Thos. H. Evans.

City Commissioners and Port Wardens' Accounts—Wm. E. Hooper, John J. Danaker, Chas. W. George.

Commissioners of Public Schools' Accounts—Thos. H. Evans, James B. George, Sr., Wm. M. Newton.

Health Commissioner's Accounts—Gerard T. Hopkins, Chas. W. George, Thos. H. Evans.

Comptroller's Accounts—Haslett McKim, John J. Danaker, Chas. H. Poumairat.

Commissioners of Fire Department Accounts—John J. Danaker, Chas. W. George, Wm. M. Newton.

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

On House of Refuge—Wm. E. Hooper, Haslett McKim, Chas. H. Poumairat.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by the late order of the War Department, and to make an appropriation as a bounty to such volunteers who may be mustered into the service of the United States in any of said regiments raised in Baltimore city," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the ordinance by inserting after the word "check," in the seventeenth line of the fourth section, the words "in the name of his wife, child or children, if any," which was determined in the negative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the eighth section, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to further amend the ordinance, by inserting the following as the eighth section :

Section 8. And be it enacted and ordained, That every volunteer claiming bounty money under the foregoing sections of this ordinance, shall, before he be entitled to the same, pass, before a competent Army Surgeon, such searching examination into his physical condition as is required of recruits before entering the regular United States Army, and shall produce satisfactory evidence of the same to the City Register.

The question being taken on the motion to amend, it was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring upon the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, August 6, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members.

Mr. Poumairat moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by the late order of the War Department, and to make an appropriation as a bounty to such volunteers who may be

mustered into the service of the United States in any of said regiments raised in Baltimore city," was passed, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the first section of the ordinance by adding thereto the words "provided that should a draft be made by order of the President of the United States, or otherwise, to fill up the quota of troops apportioned to the State of Maryland, then, and in that case, all further payments as bounty provided for in this ordinance shall cease on and after the day the order for said draft is published, except to and for account of such persons as may have enlisted and have been mustered into service, in conformity with section second of this ordinance, prior to the publication of the said order as aforesaid," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the word "check," in the seventeenth line of the fourth section, and inserting the word "certificate," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Evans moved to further amend the ordinance by inserting before the word "which," in the seventeenth line of the fourth section, the words "which certificate shall not be transferable except to the wife, children, mother or sister of the person in whose favor it is drawn, and there shall be conspicuously marked on the face of said certificate, 'not transferable,'" which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out the words "and checks," in the second line of the sixth section, and inserting the word "and" between the words "certificates" and "affidavits," in the same line, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, is was determined in the affirmative.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to fix the compensation of the Mayor," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. James B. George moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "twenty-five hundred," in the sixth line, and inserting the words "two thousand," which was determined in the negative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, it was determined in the affirmative.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to repeal a portion of ordinance No. 45 of 1862, entitled 'An ordinance making appropriations for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two,' approved June 2d, 1862," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Henry Senft to continue in use a frame addition to his premises No. 313 Mulberry street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Joseph Brass to continue in use an open frame tenement on his premises on Barre street, between Howard and Sharp streets, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, August 7, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, August 7, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrance, that when the Council adjourns on Friday, the 8th inst., it stand adjourned until the first Monday in September next, as previously agreed upon between the two Branches.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. James B. George moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Hopkins offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail:

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that Frederick Geir have permission to erect a board awning in front of and over his store-windows No. 2 Rechabite Hall, Fayette street, between Gay and Frederick streets.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide that none but loyal persons shall hereafter hold office, or be in any manner employed by the Corporation of Baltimore, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. James B. George moved to amend to ordinance by inserting after the word "Peace," in the sixteenth line of the first section, the words "or the Mayor of the City of Baltimore," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for the defence of the city, by furnishing Drill Rooms and Armories and Furniture for the First Light Division Maryland Volunteers, and furnishing the privates and non-commissioned officers thereof with uniforms," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the ordinance by inserting after the word "bonds," in the third line of the sixth section, the words "or so much as may be necessary from time to time," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the Clerk of this Branch be authorized and directed to prepare a full index to the Journal of this Branch for the present session, similar to the one prepared to the Journal of the last session, and that he be entitled to the sum of seventy-five dollars when the work is complete, the amount to be taken out of the annual appropriation for the diary of the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, August 8, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members except Mr. Evans.

Mr. Newton presented the petition of Mrs. Gemima Atkinson, asking permission to enlarge a one story frame kitchen attached to a brick back building, No. 285 East Lombard street, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department.

Mr. Poumairat moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide that none but loyal persons shall hereafter hold office, or be in any manner employed by the corporation of Baltimore," was passed, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the ordinance by inserting the following as the second section:

Section 2. And be it enacted and ordained, That all persons now holding office under the corporation, as aforesaid, shall, without delay, take and subscribe the oath as provided for in the first section of this ordinance, and shall file a certified copy of the same with the City Comptroller, on or before the twentieth day of August, 1862.

The question being taken on the motion to amend, it was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the title of the ordinance by inserting after the word "shall," in the second line, the words "now or," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, That the Clerk of this Branch be and he is hereby

directed to return the per diem roll after the adjournment this afternoon, as though the Council had adjourned sine die, and that the Register be and he is hereby directed to pay the same.

Mr. James B. George offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that a committee of two from each Branch be appointed to wait upon his Honor the ex-officio Mayor, and inform him that the Council is about to adjourn until the first Monday in September, and ascertain if he has any communication to make for their consideration.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, August 8, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully request that you will appoint a committee upon the part of your Branch to act in conjunction with the one appointed by this Branch May 19, 1862, to take into consideration the report of the Commissioners on Sewerage. The proceedings relating to the subject will be found on page 849 of the First Branch Journal, and the committee on the part of this Branch are Messrs. Norris, Sauerwein and Schwartz.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. McKim moved that the Branch concur in the request contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. McKim, Poumairat and Charles W. George as the committee on the part of this Branch.

A resolution appropriating the sum of five thousand dollars to the Union Relief Association of Baltimore, to aid in feeding the troops of the United States passing to or returning from the seat of war, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the word "five," in the twelfth line, and inserting the word "ten," which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Jas. B. George:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Newton, Hooper, Hopkins, McKim, Charles W. George, Daneker, Poumairat—8.

Nay—Mr. James B. George—1.

The question recurring on concurring in the resolution, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Jacob F. Grove to erect a frame shed at the end of his dwelling, No. 259 E. Baltimore street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Health, with a resolution referring the petition of John G. Jacobs and others, in relation to the removal of a coal oil factory at the corner of Fremont and Russell streets, to the Board of Health, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Police and Jail, with a resolution granting permission to Frederick Gein, Sr., to erect a frame awning on his premises, No. 2 Rechabite Hall, Fayette street, between Gay and Frederick streets, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Health, with a resolution referring the petition of George Stahl and others, in relation to a stagnant pool of water on Stricker street, to the Commissioner of Health, with instructions to said Commissioner to adopt such measures as will be necessary to abate the nuisance, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "A supplement to the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by the late order of the War Department, and to make an appropriation as a bounty to such volunteers who may be mustered into the service of the United States in any of said regiments raised in Baltimore city," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the ordinance, by striking out the words "second, fourth and eighth sections of the," in the second section, which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, August 8, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we propose to amend your first proposed amendment to the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide that none but loyal persons shall hereafter hold office," &c., by inserting the words "or the Mayor of the city of Baltimore," after the word "before," in the fifteenth line, instead of after the word "peace," in the sixteenth line.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. James B. George moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, August 8, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have non-concurred in your proposed amendment to the resolution appropriating five thousand dollars to the Union Relief Association, and request you to recede from the same.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Poumairat moved that the Branch recede from the proposed amendment, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, August 8, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition for the appointment of a Joint Special Committee to wait upon his Honor the ex-officio Mayor, &c., and have appointed Messrs. Mules and Sullivan as the committee on the part of this Branch.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

The President appointed Messrs. James B. George and Newton as the committee on the part of this Branch to wait on the Mayor and inform him that the Council is about to adjourn until the first Monday in September.

A resolution explanatory of the resolution in favor of James Polk, in relation to the purchase of a portion of Battery Square, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Mr. James B. George, from the committee to wait on the Mayor, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that his Honor was not in his office.

On motion of Mr. Danaker, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

An ordinance entitled "A supplement to ordinance No. 8, entitled 'An ordinance providing for the appointment and compensation of a Register and Deputy Register for the city of Baltimore, and prescribing their duties,' approved May 31, 1858," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A resolution appropriating the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of ventilating the office of the Appeal Tax Court, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, Aug. 8th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that this Branch has completed the business before it, and is about to adjourn. We would inquire if you have any further business pending requiring our attention.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. James B. George moved that the Clerk be directed to answer the message, and inform the First Branch that this Branch has no further business requiring their consideration, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, September 1st, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, August 15, 1862.

The Second Branch of the City Council assembled in their chamber, at five o'clock this afternoon, in pursuance of the summons of his Honor the Mayor.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Hopkins.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch,
Baltimore, Aug. 15, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, the appointment of a Joint Special Committee to wait upon the Mayor, informing him that the Council is now in session and ready to receive any communication he may have to make, and have named on the part of this Branch Messrs. Sullivan, Duer and Schwartz.

By order,

Andrew J. Bandel, *Clerk.*

Mr. Poumairat moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative, and

The President appointed Messrs. Poumairat, Daneker and Charles W. George as the committee on the part of this Branch.

The committee retired, and, after a short absence, reported, through Mr. Poumairat, that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and that his Honor the Mayor would communicate with the Council in a few minutes.

On motion of Mr. Evans, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The following communication from the ex-officio Mayor was received from the First Branch :

MAYOR'S OFFICE—CITY HALL,

Baltimore, Aug. 15, 1862.

To the Honorable the Members of the

First and Second Branches City Council:

GENTLEMEN :

The Bounty Ordinance recently passed by your honorable body appearing to be defective in some of its provisions, I have thought proper to call you together again for the purpose of making it more explicit or passing a new ordinance, thereby preventing trouble and perhaps litigation in the future.

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN LEE CHAPMAN,

Ex-officio Mayor.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2d, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as have enlisted or may enlist in the City of Baltimore, to make up the quota apportioned to said City," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

John J. Daneker, Esq., in the chair.

The President moved to amend the ordinance by striking out all after the word "following," in the seventeenth line of the first section, which was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. James B. George:

Yeas—Messrs. President, Newton, Hooper, McKim, Chas. W. George, Evans, Daneker, Poumairat—8.

Nay—Mr. James B. George—1.

The President resumed the chair.

Mr. Evans moved to further amend the ordinance by inserting after the word "aforesaid," in the twenty-eighth line of the fourth section, the words "and provided further, that the said monthly instalments shall not be paid by the Register in any case where he shall be in possession of reliable information that any person applying for the same has deserted the service of the United States," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution directing the Clerks of the two Branches of the City Council not to return the per diem of the members for this day's session, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Evans, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

In First Branch,

Baltimore, Aug. 15, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until the

first Monday in September next, at 5 o'clock, as previously agreed upon between the two Branches.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. George moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Evans, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, September 1st, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

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Monday, September 1, 1862.

SECOND BRANCH.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Evans.

Mr. Poumairat called up the resolution explanatory of the resolution in favor of James Polk, in relation to the purchase of a portion of Battery Square, which was read and concurred in.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide that none but loyal persons shall now or hereafter hold office, or be in any manner employed by the corporation of Baltimore,' approved August 13th, 1862," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. James B. George moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the word "sixth," in the tenth line, and inserting the word "sixteenth."

Mr. McKim moved, as a substitute for the amendment proposed by Mr. James B. George, to insert after the word "same," in the twelfth line, the words "or previous to entering upon the discharge of their duties."

Pending the consideration of the motions to amend,

Mr. Poumairat moved that the ordinance lie on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, September 1, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at seven o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Poumairat moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution granting permission to Radecke & Co. to erect a steam engine on their premises No. 22 McClellan's alley, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Poumairat asked and obtained leave to introduce an ordinance entitled "Supplement to the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2d, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as have enlisted or may enlist in the City of Baltimore, to make up the quota opportioned to said city,'" which was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at seven o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, September 2, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Evans.

Mr. Poumairat called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide that none but loyal persons shall now or hereafter hold office, or be in any manner employed by the corporation of Baltimore,' approved August 13th, 1862."

The question pending being upon the motion of Mr. McKim, to insert after the word "same," in the twelfth line, the words "or previous to entering upon the discharge of their duties," it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to further amend the ordinance, by striking out all after the word "same," in the twelfth line, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to further amend the ordinance, by inserting after the word "city," in the eighth line, the words "or other causes," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat called up the ordinance entitled "Supplement to the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2d, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as have enlisted or may enlist in the city of Baltimore, to make up the quota apportioned to said city," which was read.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the ordinance, by inserting after the word "hereby," in the tenth line, the words "re-enacted and," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Newton.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, September 4, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members except Mr. Evans.

Mr. Hopkins presented the memorial of George Shillinger, father of Charles Shillinger, a deaf mute, praying that provision be made by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore

for the education of his son in the Columbian Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Washington, which was read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments or companies of artillery now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2d, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as may enlist in the City of Baltimore, to make up the quota apportioned to said city, on or after the first day of September, instant," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Newton, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Newton moved to refer the ordinance to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of George Myers, Sr., were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, Sr., the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, September 5, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Evans.

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the relief of the families of the volunteers from the city of Baltimore in the

various Maryland Regiments now in service, now raising or hereafter to be raised," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Poumairat moved to refer the ordinance to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution authorizing the purchase of a strip of land, between Pennsylvania avenue and Walsh street, and the enlargement of the sewer running through said strip of land, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Hooper, from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report, and an accompanying ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several Regiments or Artillery Companies, now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2d, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as have enlisted or may enlist in the city of Baltimore, to make up the quota apportioned to said city, on or after the first day of September, 1862, to the day of the draft," which were read :

The Joint Standing Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several Regiments or Companies of Artillery now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2d, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as may enlist in the city of Baltimore, to make up the quota apportioned to said city, on and after the first day of September instant," having had the same under consideration, report :

That the bounty of one hundred dollars provided by the United States to be paid to volunteers is continued to them as formerly, the only difference being that, whereas the volunteer receives $25.00 in advance at the time of enlistment, and

$75.00 at the end of the same, he will now receive $100.00 at the close of the time of enlistment, but no advance when he shall enlist. It is, therefore, evident that parties who volunteered previous to the 1st day of September, 1862, will receive the sum of $100.00 as bounty from the city, while those who volunteer after that date will receive $200.00, and in the end the same amount from the United States. Your committee consider this as manifestly unjust to those who have already promptly came forward and offered their services to their country, and as establishing a bad principle. These men will probably serve side by side in the same Regiments, when those who have held back until after the 1st of September will get twice the amount of bounty from the city as received by those who enlisted before that date.

Your committee, therefore, amend the ordinance in this and some other respects, and respectfully herewith report it back, and recommend that it be adopted.

WM. E. HOOPER,
C. H. POUMAIRAT,
JAS. B. GEORGE, Sr.,
Second Branch.

C. SIDNEY NORRIS,
P. G. SAUERWEIN,
First Branch.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Daneker moved to amend the ordinance by inserting after the word "officer," in the second line of the second section, the words "bugler, fifer and drummer," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Daneker moved to further amend the ordinance by inserting after the word "officers," in the seventh line of the third section the words "buglers, fifers and drummers," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Daneker moved to further amend the ordinance by inserting after the word "officer," in the third line of the fifth section, the words "bugler, fifer or drummer," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, Sept. 5, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next, at 5 o'clock.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. James B. George moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Hooper moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the memorial of George Shillinger, father of Charles Shillinger, a deaf mute, praying that provision be made by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the education of his son in the Columbian Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Washington, was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Hooper moved that the memorial be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Education, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. McKim, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, September 8, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Hopkins and Evans.

Mr. Hooper, from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report, and an accompanying ordinance, entitled "An ordinance for the relief of the families of the volunteers from the city of Baltimore in the various Maryland regiments now in service, now raising, or hereafter to be raised," which were read:

The Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the relief of the families of the volunteers from the city of Baltimore in the various Maryland Regiments now in service, now raising, or hereafter to be raised," having had the subject under consideration, beg leave to report the accompanying ordinance, and recommend its adoption.

WM. E. HOOPER,
C. H. POUMAIRAT,
JAS. B. GEORGE, Sr.,
Second Branch.

C. SIDNEY NORRIS,
First Branch.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Pending the question on the passage of the ordinance,

Mr. Poumairat moved that the ordinance lie on the table, which was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution requesting the Mayor to issue his proclamation calling upon the citizens of Baltimore to hoist the national flag on their buildings and shipping on the 12th, 13th and 14th of September instant, was received from the First Branch, read and concurred in.

The First Branch returned the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several Regiments or Artillery Companies now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2d, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as have enlisted or may enlist in the city of Baltimore, to make up the quota apportioned to said city, on or after the first day of September, 1862, to the day of the draft," endorsed "passed."

A report from the Joint Special Committee appointed to examine the report of the "Sewerage Commission," with a resolution adopting the system of underground drainage as furnished and recommended by the said Commission, for this city, and providing that all sewers that may be constructed hereafter shall strictly conform to the same, as to locality, form, size and mode of construction ; authorizing the Sewerage Commission to have 500 copies of their Report, with the accompanying tables and illustrations, published, and to draw on the Comptroller for the sum of three hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same ; and tendering the thanks of this Council to Messrs. Dukehart, Tyson and Saunders, members of the "Sewerage Commission," for the able and thorough manner in which they have gratuitously performed the duties assigned them," were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of Tiemeyer & Waltgen, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution granting permission to the Manager of the Front-street Theatre to place a transparency over the lamp on the north-west corner of Baltimore and Gay streets, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Daneker, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

The following ordinance was this day presented to the Mayor :

An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several Regiments or Artillery Companies, now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2d, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as have enlisted or may enlist in the city of Baltimore, to make up the quota apportioned to said city, on or after the first day of September, 1862, to the day of the draft.

Tuesday, September 9, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Evans and Poumairat.

Mr. Hooper called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the relief of the families of the volunteers from the city of Baltimore in the various Maryland Regiments now in service, now raising, or hereafter to be raised."

Mr. Hooper moved to amend the ordinance, by inserting after the word "created," in the fourteenth line, the words "and from and after ten years, a tax of one cent on every hundred dollars' worth of assessable property in the city of Baltimore shall be levied to pay said debt," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Newton called up the resolution adopting the system of underground drainage, as furnished and recommended by the Sewerage Commission, for this city, and providing that all sewers that may be constructed hereafter shall strictly conform to the same, as to locality, form, size and mode of construction ; authorizing the Sewerage Commission to have 500 copies of their report, with the accompanying tables and illustrations, published, and to draw on the Comptroller for the sum of three hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the same ; and tendering the thanks of this Council to Messrs. Dukehart, Tyson and Saunders, members of the "Sewerage Commission," for the able and thorough manner in which they have gratuitously performed the duties assigned them, which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Newton offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved by both branches of the City Council of Baltimore, that when the Council adjourns this evening that it stand adjourned until the 1st Monday in October next.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution permitting two houses owned by George Myers, Senior, on Arch street, to remain as they are now repaired, any thing in any ordinance or resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. James B. George moved that the subject be recommitted to the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, which was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Evans.

Mr. James B. George, from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, submitted the following report and resolution, which were read :

The Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred or recommitted the petition of George Myers, Sen., to newly roof two houses without the use of fire-walls, as required by ordinance, and said committee having reported unfavorably on said application, and feeling no disposition to interfere with so useful an ordinance that looks to the protection and safety of all property, report again adversely to said application, and offer the following resolution :

JAS. B. GEORGE, Sr.,
C. H. POUMAIRAT,
JNO. J. DANEKER,
Second Branch.

JAMES YOUNG,
JOHN DUKEHART,
First Branch

Resolved, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, Sept. 11, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Charles W. George and Evans.

Mr. Poumairat moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon, at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution authorizing the Register to pay to Marcus Denison, Esq., Treasurer of the Union Relief Association of Baltimore, the sum of five thousand dollars, to aid the association in feeding the troops passing through this city to and from the seat of war, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The First Branch returned the ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the relief of the families of volunteers from the City of Baltimore in the various Maryland Regiments now in service, now raising, or hereafter to be raised," endorsed "will pass with proposed amendments."

Amendments proposed:

1. Strike out all after the word "that," in the first line of the second section, to and including the word "extra," in the fourth line, and insert in lieu thereof the words "there shall be appointed by the City Council, in convention, five Commissioners, who shall serve without."

2. Insert after the word "raised," where it occurs the second time in the twelfth line of the second section, the words "either as volunteers or by draft."

3. Strike out all between the words "in" and "of," in the thirteenth line of the second section, and insert in lieu thereof the words "sections 4, 5 and 6."

4. Insert after the word "enlistment," in the eighth line of the fourth section, the words "or draft."

5. Strike out the word "ten," in the twelfth line of the fourth section, and insert in lieu thereof the word "fourteen."

6. Insert after the word "enlistment," in the fourth line of the fifth section, the words "or draft."

7. Insert after the word "volunteer," in the third line of the sixth section, the words "or drafted soldier."

8. Insert after the word "volunteer," in the sixth line of the sixth section, the words "or drafted soldier."

9. Insert after the word "volunteers," in the title, the words "or drafted men."

Mr. James B. George moved that the Branch concur in the third proposed amendment and non-concur in the first, second, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth proposed amendments, which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved that a message be sent to the First Branch requesting them to recede from their proposed amendments to the ordinance for the relief of the families of volunteers of the several Maryland regiments, which have been non-concurred in by this Branch, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution tendering the thanks of the citizens of Baltimore to Messrs. Wambersie & Son, of Rotterdam, for their judicious and acceptable present of two pair of swans for the lake at Druid Hill Park, and to Captain Josiah Fuller, of the ship "Flora McDonald," for the care bestowed on these beautiful birds during the passage from Rotterdam, and requesting the Hon. John Lee Chapman, Mayor ex-officio, to transmit, through the firm of Messrs. Robert Leslie & Son, to Messrs. Wambersie & Son, Rotterdam, a certified copy of the report and resolution, and a copy of the resolution to Captain Josiah Fuller, of the ship Flora McDonald, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, Sept. 11, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon next, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, September 15, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Evans.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of William Colton, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Education, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the proposition of A. Hoen & Co., in reference to an exchange of certain property, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Internal Improvements, with a resolution declaring that the city of Baltimore is entitled to four additional directors to represent $1,000,000 of the stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, acquired as her proportion of the extra dividend, and that said directors be appointed as other directors in said Company are appointed, who shall hold their seats from the time of the next annual election of President and Directors of said Company until the next annual appointment of Directors in said Company by the corporation of the city, were received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

Messrs. Streeter and Hoopes appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, September 16, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Evans and Poumairat.

Mr. James B. George called up the resolution discharging the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department from the further consideration of the petition of William Colton, which was read.

Mr. James B. George moved that the subject be re-committed to the committee, with instructions to present a favorable report on the petition, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, September 16, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns on Friday evening next, the 19th inst., it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon, the 29th instant, at five o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. Newton moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, which was determined in the affirmative.

A resolution authorizing the City Commissioners to remove the indices from the corners of Gay street, north of Baltimore street, and to replace the same with indices designating the street by its proper name, North Gay street, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the McDonogh Bequest, with a resolution appointing and constituting the Mayor and the Presidents of the two Branches of the City Council a committee to purchase a suitable lot in Green Mount Cemetery and erect thereon a monument to the memory of the late John McDonogh, of New Orleans, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to condemn and open Walnut alley, from Rose alley to Pear alley,' approved July 26, 1862," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

On motion of Mr. McKim, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, September 17, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members except Messrs. McKim and Evans.

Mr. Hopkins presented the petition of A. W. Machen and R. J. Gittings, asking compensation for services rendered the corporation in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, in the case of Francis H. Smith vs. The Mayor and City Council, which was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with a resolution discharging the Committee from the further consideration of the subject of paying a bounty to the non-commissioned officers and men of the First Light Division of Maryland Volunteers, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hooper the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Markets, with a resolution appropriating a sum of money to defray the expenses of completing certain repairs to the roofs of the Lexington market houses, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to George W. Hughes to continue in use a one story frame shed, on his premises No. 119 Broadway, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Ways and Means, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several Regiments now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as have enlisted or may enlist in the City of Baltimore, to make up the quota apportioned to said city,' approved August 18, 1862," were received from the First Branch, read a laid on the table.

Mr. Poumairat called up the resolution declaring that the City of Baltimore is entitled to four additional directors to represent $1,000,000 of the stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, acquired as her proportion of the extra dividend, and that said directors be appointed as other directors in said Company are appointed, who shall hold their seats from the time of the next annual election of President and Directors of said Company until the next annual appointment of Directors in said Company by the corporation of the city, which was read and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Newton, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, September 18, 1862

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Evans.

A resolution tendering the thanks of the loyal citizens of Baltimore to Brevet Brigadier General WILLIAM W. MORRIS, of the United States Army, commanding the fortifications around Baltimore, for the able and patriotic manner in which he has discharged his arduous and important duties—regarding him as a soldier on whom the country may rely in the hour of danger—and requesting the Hon. John Lee Chapman, ex-officio Mayor, to transmit a copy of the resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, and to General Morris, was received from the First Branch, read and laid on the table.

An ordinance entitled "A supplement to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to provide for the defence of the city, by furnishing drill rooms, armories and furniture for the First Light Division Maryland Volunteers, and furnishing the privates and non-commissioned officers with uniforms,' approved August 11, 1862," was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order, and passed.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Foard & Rogers to erect a frame shed on their premises, Commercial wharf, Fell's Point, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Poumairat called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as have enlisted or may enlist in the city of Baltimore, to make up the quota apportioned to said city,' approved August 18, 1862," which was read.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the first section of the ordinance by inserting after the word "artillery," in the twentieth line, the words "or cavalry," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the second section of the ordinance by striking out the word "15th," in the sixth line, and inserting the word "30th," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the third section of the ordinance by striking out all after the word "of," in the eighth line, to the word "Baltimore," inclusive, in the ninth line, and inserting the words "all volunteers from the city of Baltimore, in the old as well as new regiments, battalions and companies," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the fourth section of the ordinance by inserting after the word "Baltimore," in the seventh and eighth lines, the words "as designated in the third section of this ordinance," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to amend the eighth section by striking out all after the word "volunteer," in the third line, to the word "deserted," inclusive, in the fifth line, and inserting the words "who shall have deserted, or shall have been dishonorably discharged from the service of the United States," which was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Poumairat moved to further amend the ordinance by inserting the following as the ninth section, which was determined in the affirmative:

Section 9. And be it enacted and ordained, that any wife, child, mother or sister, entitled to the relief stipends provided for in sections 6 and 7 of this ordinance, not claiming the same within the current month in which they are payable and due, shall be debarred from the same for the said month.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

The First Branch returned the resolution discharging the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department from the further consideration of the petition of George Myers, Sr., endorsed "concurred in."

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Highways, with a resolution granting permission to Anna S. Prior to place a pipe under the cellar of the house on the corner of Eastern avenue and Ann street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, September 19, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—All the members, except JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and Mr. Charles W. George.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, JAMES B. GEORGE, Sr., Esq., was appointed President *pro tem.*

A resolution requesting the Mayor to return to the Council, for the purpose of amendment, the resolution providing for the appointment of four additional Directors on the part of the city in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with a resolution declaring that it would be inexpedient, even if there were no legal difficulties, to reduce the valuation of real or leasehold property on the assessment books, after the time for appeals has expired, and the several amounts have been fixed according to law, and discharging the Joint Standing Committee on City Property from the further consideration of the petition of William Alexander, in relation to a re-assessment of his property, No. 133 East Baltimore street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Charles Farringer to change the pitch of the roof of a two-story frame building in the rear of his premises on Constitution street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A resolution declaring that the city of Baltimore is entitled to four additional Directors to represent $1,000,000 of the Stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, acquired as the dividend Stock of said Company, and providing that said Directors shall hold their appointment until the next annual appointment of Directors by the corporation, was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Poumairat, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon, September 29th, at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, September 29, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Charles W. George and Daneker.

On motion of Mr. Newton, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, September 30, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. McKim, Charles W. George, Evans, Daneker and Poumairat.

There not being a quorum present,

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Wednesday, October 1, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Charles W. George, Evans, Daneker and Poumairat.

There not being a quorum present,

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Thursday, October 2, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Mr. Poumairat.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution discharging the committee from the further consideration of the petition of John L. Thomas, asking extra compensation for services as City Counsellor, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to Peter G. Sauerwein to erect a stove, with a pipe passing through the several stories and roof of his house No. 114 North Green street, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution granting permission to William F. Turner to erect an open frame shed in the rear of his residence on the north-east corner of Fayette and Bond streets, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Messrs. Dukehart and Lamden appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention, on a sealed communication from the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

On motion of Mr. Daneker, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Friday, October 3, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Charles W. George, Evans and Poumairat.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution referring the petition of Madame Shailer, formerly Madame Devourges, (asking payment for certain property of hers condemned and appropriated by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in the year 1854, for the purpose of opening Fort avenue,) to three disinterested persons, one to be chosen by the Mayor, one by Madame Shailer, and they two to choose a third, with power to examine the whole subject, and ascertain the amount that should be paid to Madame Shailer; the said three persons, or any two of them, to make their report to the next annual session of the Council, at the earliest day practicable, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on the Fire Department, with a resolution requesting the Police Commissioners to have the clocks at the several police stations regulated by the clock at the Telegraph office, and instruct the police to set their watches each day by the clock at the police station to which they may be attached before going on duty, and that they hereafter promptly repair to the telegraph box on their several "beats" at 12 o'clock, noon, and if the bell in the box does not ring, that they be required to report the fact immediately to their respective police stations, and the officer in charge shall forthwith communicate the fact to the Central office; also requesting the Police Commissioners to require the police, in case a fire should occur on the "beat" assigned them, and the nearest telegraph box fail to give the necessary alarm, to immediately repair to the next nearest box, and if that should also be out of order, to visit the boxes next in location until the alarm is given; and requiring the Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph to keep a book in his office, in which shall be recorded the number of all boxes reported as out of order—the time when reported—when repaired, and by whom repaired—and that this book shall be open at all times for the inspection of any person who may desire to see it, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. James B. George moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, proposing, with their concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this afternoon it stand adjourned until Monday afternoon at five o'clock, which was determined in the affirmative.

Messrs. Dukehart and Duer appeared as a committee and invited this Branch to meet the First Branch in convention.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the invitation was accepted, and the members proceeded to the chamber of the First Branch.

After some time spent therein, the convention adjourned, and the members returned to their chamber.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution directing the Register to pay Joseph Neal the sum of three hundred and fifty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents, with interest on the same from the first day of October, 1858, till paid, being in full for money paid by him for lot No. 30, in the schedule of a public sale made by the City Collector on the said first day of October, 1858, of property assessed for the grading of North avenue, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, October 3, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform that we have concurred in your proposition, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until Monday evening next, at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Hooper, the Branch adjourned until Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Monday, October 6, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Charles W. George and Poumairat.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on City Property, with an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the construction of a Pavillion in Druid Hill Park," were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. McKim, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. James B. George moved that the ordinance lie on the table until to-morrow afternoon, which was determined in the affirmative.

A report from the Joint Standing Committee on Claims, with a resolution authorizing the Register to pay to Grafton L. Dulaney the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, for services rendered the corporation in the case of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore vs. Eschbach, were received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins, the resolution was read a second time, by special order, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Newton, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

By order,

ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk.*

Tuesday, October 7, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Hopkins, McKim and Poumairat.

The following message was received from the First Branch :

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, October 7, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch :

We respectfully propose, with your concurrence, that when the Council adjourns this evening, it stand adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. James B. George moved that the Branch concur in the proposition contained in the message, with the amendment that when the Council adjourns to-morrow afternoon it adjourn *sine die*, which was determined in the affirmative.

An ordinance entitled "An additional supplement to the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance to encourage the enlistment of volunteers in the several regiments now being raised by order of the President of the United States, under date of July 2d, 1862, by paying a bounty to such volunteers as have enlisted or may enlist in the City of Baltimore, to make up the quota apportioned to said city, approved August 18th, 1862,'' was received from the First Branch and read.

On motion of Mr. Daneker, the ordinance was read a second time, by special order.

Mr. Hooper moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "the day the draft is or may be," in the fourth line, and inserting the words "the first day of November, unless the draft shall be sooner," which was determined in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,
Baltimore, October 7, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that we have concurred in your proposition that when the Council adjourns on to-morrow evening it adjourn *sine die*.

By order,
ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk*.

On motion of Mr. Evans, the Branch adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

By order,
ALLEN E. FORRESTER, *Clerk*.

Wednesday, October 8, 1862.

The Branch met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—JOSEPH ROBERTS, Esq., President, and all the members, except Messrs. Hooper, McKim and Poumairat.

Mr. James B. George called up the ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the construction of a Pavillion in Druid Hill Park," which was passed.

Mr. James B. George offered the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that Allen E. Forrester, Clerk of the Branch, is entitled to the approbation of the Branch for the faithful and gentlemanly manner in which he has discharged his duties as Clerk, and that the same be recorded on the Journal.

Mr. James B. George offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that in consideration of extra services rendered the members of the Branch by their Clerk, A. E. Forrester, that one hundred dollars be paid him in addition to his per diem for the present session; and that twenty-five dollars be paid John Kitts, the door-keeper, in addition to his per diem for the present session.

Mr. James B. George moved that a message be sent to the First Branch, informing them that this Branch is about to adjourn *sine die*, and desiring to know if they have any further business requiring the consideration of the Branch previous to adjourning, which was determined in the affirmative.

The following message was received from the First Branch:

IN FIRST BRANCH,

Baltimore, October 8, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Second Branch:

We respectfully inform you that this Branch has no further business to transact, and is prepared to adjourn *sine die*,

By order,

ANDREW J. BANDEL, *Clerk.*

Mr. James B. George offered the following resolution, which was read and unanimosly adopted.

Resolved by the Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore, that the thanks of this Branch be and are hereby tendered to Dr. Joseph Roberts, for the able, courteous and dignified manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, as President of the Second Branch of the City Council, and that the same be recorded on the Journal of the proceedings of this Branch.

After an expression of thanks to the members by the President,

On motion of Mr. James B. George, the Branch adjourned *sine die*.

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